

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wichita County

Texas · Wichita Falls · FIPS 48485 · Population 129,584 ·
Crosodo Index #1016*

STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Wichita County, Texas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Texas cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Texas home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

Texas label one-pager →

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely inspect cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wichita County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. City of Wichita Falls has its own ordinances. Texas state law strongly preempts local health regulations but local zoning may still apply.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health authorities may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely inspect cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per general food safety good practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; stored in sealed food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health authorities may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wichita County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. City of Wichita Falls has its own ordinances. Texas state law strongly preempts local health regulations but local zoning may still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/restaurant sales allowed with restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Wichita County, TX zoning ordinance (unincorporated areas).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TX) confirmed. Wichita County includes Wichita Falls (mid-sized Texas city near Oklahoma border). No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wichitacounty.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/texas/wichita-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Wichita County	Archer County	Baylor County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/restaurant sales allowed with restrictions.	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; stored in sealed food-safe containers.	—	—
POPULATION	129,584	8,649	3,475

State context — Texas cottage food law

Wichita County's rules sit on top of Texas's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Texas cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/texas.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/texas/>

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Classifieds

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