

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Texas

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq..

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Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.	Great	B	254

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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.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Texas Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Texas Department of State Health Services · Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · Texas Department of State Health Services · <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Texas's cottage food rules are set by Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Texas?

- Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437 – Regulation of Certain Foods, Subchapter A – Cottage Food Production Operations

What is the annual sales cap?

- 150000

Is registration or a permit required?

- No

Is a food handler certificate required?

- No

Are kitchen inspections required?

- No

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Almost all non-TCS (non-temperature-controlled) foods are allowed, including baked goods, candy, jams and jellies, pickles, dried herbs and spices, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats, and any food that is not a time-and-temperature control for safety food.
- Nonprofits may also operate under the cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).

What foods are prohibited?

- Prohibited foods include meat and meat products, poultry or poultry products, seafood and fish products, ice or ice products (shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, gelato), low-acid canned goods, products containing CBD or THC, and raw milk and raw milk products.

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- 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.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels must include: the words 'MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN'; name of the product; list of ingredients and sub-ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight; net weight or volume; name, address, and phone number of the cottage food production operation; and any allergen information required by federal law.

- Labels may not make any claim about health benefits or contain any false or misleading information.

Statute excerpt

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

What does the Texas cottage food statute say?

- (2-b) "Cottage food production operation" means an individual, operating out of the individual's home, or a nonprofit organization that: (A) produces at the individual's home or the home of an individual who is a director or officer of the nonprofit organization, as applicable, any food other than: (i) meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products; (ii) seafood, including seafood products, fish, fish products, shellfish, and shellfish products; (iii) ice or ice products, including shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, and gelato; (iv) low-acid canned goods; (v) products containing cannabidiol or tetrahydrocannabinol; or (vi) raw milk and raw milk products; (B) has an annual gross income of \$150,000 or less from the sale of food described by Paragraph (A), as the department annually adjusts for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); (C) sells the foods produced under Paragraph (A) directly to consumers or to a cottage food vendor; and (D) delivers products to the consumer or cottage food vendor at the point of sale or another location designated by the consumer or cottage food vendor.

Official sources

Where should I verify these rules?

- State agency cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- Statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Summarized from official Texas cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Texas cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 254 Texas counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP 150000	REGISTRATION REQUIRED No
FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION No	KITCHEN INSPECTION No
DIRECT SALES ONLY No	INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE) 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.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas cottage food law has undergone major expansions: originally HB 970 (83rd Legislature, 2013) created the basic framework; SB 572 (86th Legislature, 2019) expanded allowed foods to include acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats, and raised the cap from \$50,000 to \$50,000 (clarified); and SB 541 (89th Legislature, 2025) raised the cap to \$150,000 (inflation-adjusted using CPI-U), added nonprofits as eligible operators, and created the 'cottage food vendor' intermediary. The current cap as of 2025 is \$150,000 gross annual income. Health departments do not have regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations; the DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. The excerpt is from the enrolled SB 541 (2025) bill text obtained from capitol.texas.gov.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT TEXAS

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?

Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

No

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?

No

SALES CAP

150000

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?

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.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN TEXAS

- Texas is a Great-tier state — high or no sales cap with multiple sales channels allowed.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Annual sales cap: 150000.
- Direct vs 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.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Texas.

Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437 – Regulation of Certain Foods, Subchapter A – Cottage Food Production Operations

CITATION

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

ENACTED

2013

LAST AMENDED

2025

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

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Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

(2-b) "Cottage food production operation" means an individual, operating out of the individual's home, or a nonprofit organization that: (A) produces at the individual's home or the home of an individual who is a director or officer of the nonprofit organization, as applicable, any food other than: (i) meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products; (ii) seafood, including seafood products, fish, fish products, shellfish, and shellfish products; (iii) ice or ice products, including shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, and gelato; (iv) low-acid canned goods; (v) products containing cannabidiol or tetrahydrocannabinol; or (vi) raw milk and raw milk products; (B) has an annual gross income of \$150,000 or less from the sale of food described by Paragraph (A), as the department annually adjusts for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); (C) sells the foods produced under Paragraph (A) directly to consumers or to a cottage food vendor; and (D) delivers products to the consumer or cottage food vendor at the point of sale or another location designated by the consumer or cottage food vendor.

Source: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/89R/billtext/html/SB00541F.htm>

Official sources

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

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

Extension service <https://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: [Texas Department of State Health Services](#)

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 254 Texas counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

TEXAS: ANDERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1057* · FIPS 48001 · Palestine

Anderson County

Population 58,077 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Anderson County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Palestine may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Anderson County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Palestine may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost all channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a 'cottage food vendor' intermediary (SB 541, 2025). No wholesale to restaurants or distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Anderson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Anderson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) applies. Anderson County is in East Texas; Palestine is a mid-sized East Texas town. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/anderson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ANDREWS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2893* · FIPS 48003 · Andrews

Andrews County

Population 18,923 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Andrews County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/andrews-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ANGELINA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #948* · FIPS 48005 · Lufkin

Angelina County

Population 86,608 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food is highly permissive. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen permitted. Annual gross income cap: \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No labeling of home address required (physical or P.O. Box acceptable). Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Texas state law §559.955 (Home Business) may apply at local level. Angelina County and the City of Lufkin may have home occupation ordinances. No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Angelina County or City of Lufkin planning offices.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food is highly permissive. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen permitted. Annual gross income cap: \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No labeling of home address required (physical or P.O. Box acceptable). Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Texas state law §559.955 (Home Business) may apply at local level. Angelina County and the City of Lufkin may have home occupation ordinances. No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Angelina County or City of Lufkin planning offices.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online, via mail, at farmers markets, and through indirect channels (to retailers who sell directly to consumers) are all permitted under Texas cottage food law. No wholesale to distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Angelina County follows Texas’s highly permissive cottage food framework. No registration, inspection, or training required. The \$150,000 cap was established by SB 541 (89th Legislature, 2025). Angelina County has no county-level health department oversight for cottage food. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official DSHS and legislature sources; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/angelina-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ARANSAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2888* · FIPS 48007 · Rockport

Aransas County

Population 25,595 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Aransas County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/aransas-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ARCHER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2900* · FIPS 48009 · Archer City

Archer County

Population 9,155 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Archer County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/archer-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ARMSTRONG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2917* · FIPS 48011 · Claude

Armstrong County

Population 1,809 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Armstrong County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/armstrong-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ATASCOSA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #524* · FIPS 48013 · Jourdanton

Atascosa County

Population 49,403 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Atascosa County cottage food ordinances found. City of Jourdanton and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Atascosa County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Atascosa County and City of Jourdanton.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Atascosa County cottage food ordinances found. City of Jourdanton and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Atascosa County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Atascosa County and City of Jourdanton.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Atascosa County is south of San Antonio. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/atascosa-county-discuss>

TEXAS: AUSTIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2915* · FIPS 48015 · Bellville

Austin County

Population 32,546 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Austin County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/austin-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BAILEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2913* · FIPS 48017 · Muleshoe

Bailey County

Population 7,031 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bailey County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bailey-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BANDERA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2909* · FIPS 48019 · Bandera

Bandera County

Population 22,830 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bandera County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bandera-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BASTROP COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #911* · FIPS 48021 · Bastrop

Bastrop County

Population 98,435 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) is highly permissive: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bastrop County is semi-rural and growing rapidly (Austin metro area). No county-wide home occupation permit for cottage food identified; individual municipalities within the county may have requirements. Operators should check Bastrop city or county planning rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) is highly permissive: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/ THC products, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled and stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bastrop County is semi-rural and growing rapidly (Austin metro area). No county-wide home occupation permit for cottage food identified; individual municipalities within the county may have requirements. Operators should check Bastrop city or county planning rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online sales, home delivery, farmers markets, events, and retail stores all permitted. Internet sales expressly allowed per Texas law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Texas cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Bastrop County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bastrop County (Austin exurb) has provided county govt URL. No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond Texas state baseline. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits as eligible operators. Bastrop County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas; local business license requirements may apply within city limits. DSHS has no authority to inspect cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bastropcounty.gov>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bastrop-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BAYLOR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2907* · FIPS 48023 · Seymour

Baylor County

Population 3,533 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Baylor County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/baylor-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2906* · FIPS 48025 · Beeville

Bee County

Population 31,226 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bee County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bee-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #836* · FIPS 48027 · Belton

Bell County

Population 372,821 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bell County municipalities (Killeen, Temple, Belton, Harker Heights, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires compliance with local home-based business rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified and fermented foods allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bell County municipalities (Killeen, Temple, Belton, Harker Heights, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires compliance with local home-based business rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales. Online and mail delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; §559.955; Bell County and municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas state cottage food law well-documented. Bell County (Killeen/Temple/Fort Hood area) follows state baseline. \$150,000 cap (2025). No state permit required. Local municipalities have own home occupation rules. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Bell County local ordinances not directly researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bellcountytexas.com>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bell-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BEXAR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #985* · FIPS 48029 · San Antonio

Bexar County

Population 2,014,059 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Bexar County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. The City of San Antonio and other incorporated cities within Bexar County may have their own home occupation permit requirements. State law preempts municipal zoning from prohibiting CFPOs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (No Bexar County-level home occupation permit requirement found for cottage food in unincorporated areas. The City of San Antonio has its own Development Services Department for home occupation permits. Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) in San Antonio does not regulate cottage food under state preemption.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Bexar County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. The City of San Antonio and other incorporated cities within Bexar County may have their own home occupation permit requirements. State law preempts municipal zoning from prohibiting CFPOs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — No Bexar County-level home occupation permit requirement found for cottage food in unincorporated areas. The City of San Antonio has its own Development Services Department for home occupation permits. Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) in San Antonio does not regulate cottage food under state preemption.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Starting Sept 2025, TCS food sellers must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — state preemption applies; Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bexar County follows state baseline with no county-specific cottage food rules found. San Antonio (major city in county) has Metro Health which administers food establishment permits for restaurants and commercial kitchens, but cottage food operations are explicitly exempt from this jurisdiction under state law. Texas SB 541 (2025) expanded the program significantly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bexar.org>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bexar-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BLANCO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2905* · FIPS 48031 · Johnson City

Blanco County

Population 13,358 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Blanco County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/blanco-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BORDEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2902* · FIPS 48033 · Gail

Borden County

Population 557 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Borden County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/borden-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BOSQUE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2931* · FIPS 48035 · Meridian

Bosque County

Population 19,013 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bosque County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bosque-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BOWIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #962* · FIPS 48037 · New Boston

Bowie County

Population 92,747 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bowie County (New Boston, Texarkana metro area) is rural northeast Texas. No county-wide cottage food home occupation permit identified. Local municipalities may have requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bowie County (New Boston, Texarkana metro area) is rural northeast Texas. No county-wide cottage food home occupation permit identified. Local municipalities may have requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online, home delivery, farmers markets, events, retail stores all permitted. Internet sales expressly allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Bowie County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bowie County-specific cottage food rules found. Bowie County is in the Texarkana metro area (bordering Arkansas). Texas state law is highly permissive; no local government inspection authority. SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/bowie-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BRAZORIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #842* · FIPS 48039 · Angleton

Brazoria County

Population 374,600 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams, jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Brazoria County municipalities (Pearland, Alvin, Lake Jackson, Angleton, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires compliance with local home-based business rules. Operators should verify with local municipality. Pearland and other cities may require home occupation permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams, jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified and fermented foods allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Brazoria County municipalities (Pearland, Alvin, Lake Jackson, Angleton, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires compliance with local home-based business rules. Operators should verify with local municipality. Pearland and other cities may require home occupation permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales. Online and mail delivery permitted. SB 541 (2025) added 'cottage food vendor' intermediary pathway.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; §559.955 (local compliance); Brazoria County and municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas state cottage food law is well-documented. \$150,000 cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Brazoria County is a fast-growing Houston-area county. Municipalities have their own home occupation rules. No state permit required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Brazoria County-specific local ordinances not directly researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/brazoria-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BRAZOS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #461* · FIPS 48041 · Bryan

Brazos County

Population 234,548 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Brazos County and Bryan/College Station area may require home occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Brazos County and Cities of Bryan and College Station may require home occupation permit or business license. Home to Texas A&M University. Check with City of Bryan or College Station Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Brazos County and Bryan/College Station area may require home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Brazos County and Cities of Bryan and College Station may require home occupation permit or business license. Home to Texas A&M University. Check with City of Bryan or College Station Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; Brazos County/Bryan/College Station zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Brazos County TX (Bryan/College Station, Texas A&M University area) follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.brazoscountytexas.gov>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/brazos-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BREWSTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1082* · FIPS 48043 · Alpine

Brewster County

Population 9,508 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Brewster County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Alpine) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Brewster County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Alpine) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brewster County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brewster County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Vast, remote Big Bend area county. Primarily agricultural and ranching. Alpine is a small college town. No county-level zoning code for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/brewster-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BRISCOE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1126* · FIPS 48045 · Silverton

Briscoe County

Population 1,494 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Briscoe County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Silverton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Briscoe County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Silverton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Briscoe County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Briscoe County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Very small rural Panhandle county. Minimal local government infrastructure. No county zoning code; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/briscoe-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BROOKS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1123* · FIPS 48047 · Falfurrias

Brooks County

Population 6,740 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Brooks County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Falfurrias) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Brooks County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Falfurrias) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brooks County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brooks County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Rural South Texas county. Primarily ranching and agriculture. No county-level zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/brooks-county-discuss>

TEXAS: BROWN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1117* · FIPS 48049 · Brownwood

Brown County

Population 38,631 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Brown County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Brownwood) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Brown County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Brownwood) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brown County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brown County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county. Brownwood is the largest city. No separate county zoning code; city of Brownwood may have home occupation rules within city limits. State law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: BURLESON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1113* · FIPS 48051 · Caldwell

Burleson County

Population 20,179 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Burleson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Caldwell) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Burleson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Caldwell) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Burleson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Burleson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county east of Austin. Primarily agricultural. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: BURNET COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #500* · FIPS 48053 · Burnet

Burnet County

Population 49,684 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Burnet County cottage food ordinances found. City of Burnet and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Burnet County and City of Burnet.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Burnet County cottage food ordinances found. City of Burnet and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Burnet County and City of Burnet.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Burnet County is in the Texas Hill Country near Austin metro area. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: CALDWELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1119* · FIPS 48055 · Lockhart

Caldwell County

Population 52,430 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Caldwell County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lockhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Caldwell County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lockhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Caldwell County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Caldwell County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county known as BBQ capital. Lockhart may have city home occupation rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: CALHOUN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1110* · FIPS 48057 · Port Lavaca

Calhoun County

Population 19,942 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Calhoun County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Port Lavaca) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Calhoun County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Port Lavaca) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Calhoun County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Calhoun County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Coastal South Texas county on Matagorda Bay. Port Lavaca may have city zoning rules. No county-level zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: CALLAHAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1111* · FIPS 48059 · Baird

Callahan County

Population 14,615 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Callahan County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Baird) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Callahan County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Baird) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Callahan County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Callahan County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Central Texas rural county. Baird is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: CAMERON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #883* · FIPS 48061 · Brownsville

Cameron County

Population 421,854 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams, jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream/frozen custard/popsicles, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cameron County has unincorporated areas and incorporated cities (Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen area). Each municipality has its own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires cottage food operations to comply with local home-based business rules. Operators should verify with Cameron County and local city whether home occupation permit required. Brownsville: contact City of Brownsville Planning for home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) requires no license, permit, or registration. No state inspection. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: almost all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams, jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat products, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream/frozen custard/popsicles, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified and fermented foods allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection permitted except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cameron County has unincorporated areas and incorporated cities (Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen area). Each municipality has its own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires cottage food operations to comply with local home-based business rules. Operators should verify with Cameron County and local city whether home occupation permit required. Brownsville: contact City of Brownsville Planning for home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales allowed. Online sales and mail delivery permitted. Products may be sold at direct sales only channels (not wholesale to distributors/retailers per primary statute). SB 541 (2025) added 'cottage food vendor' intermediary pathway.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; §559.955 (local home-based business compliance); Cameron County and municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas state cottage food law is well-documented. \$150,000 cap (raised from \$50,000 by SB 541, 2025). No permit or registration required. Cameron County is a border county with large population; municipalities (Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Texas Statute §559.955 requires compliance with local home-based business ordinances. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Cameron County-specific local ordinances not directly researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cameron-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CAMP COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1112* · FIPS 48063 · Pittsburg

Camp County

Population 13,164 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Camp County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Pittsburg) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Camp County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Pittsburg) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Camp County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Camp County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small East Texas county. Pittsburg may have city ordinances. No county-specific cottage food or zoning code found; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: CARSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1124* · FIPS 48065 · Panhandle

Carson County

Population 5,822 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Carson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Panhandle) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Carson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Panhandle) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Carson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Carson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle county. Largely agricultural. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: CASS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1125* · FIPS 48067 · Linden

Cass County

Population 28,622 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cass County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Linden) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cass County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Linden) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cass County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cass County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Piney Woods East Texas county. Linden is a small county seat. No county-level zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cass-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CASTRO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1034* · FIPS 48069 · Dimmitt

Castro County

Population 7,380 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Castro County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dimmitt) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Castro County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dimmitt) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Castro County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Castro County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Small rural population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/castro-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CHAMBERS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1020* · FIPS 48071 · Anahuac

Chambers County

Population 56,179 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Chambers County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Anahuac) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Chambers County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Anahuac) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Chambers County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Chambers County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Southeast Texas county near Houston metro. Has subdivision regulations but no standalone home occupation zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas. Chamberscountytexas.gov has building permit processes. State law governs cottage food. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/chambers-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CHEROKEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #489* · FIPS 48073 · Rusk

Cherokee County

Population 50,824 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Cherokee County cottage food ordinances found. City of Rusk and other municipalities within Cherokee County have their own zoning codes. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Cherokee County and City of Rusk planning departments.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Cherokee County cottage food ordinances found. City of Rusk and other municipalities within Cherokee County have their own zoning codes. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Cherokee County and City of Rusk planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendors (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. No Cherokee County-specific restrictions found. County seat is Rusk; county is a rural East Texas county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cherokee-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CHILDRESS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #965* · FIPS 48075 · Childress

Childress County

Population 6,679 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Childress County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Childress) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Childress County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Childress) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Childress County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Childress County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/childress-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CLAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1018* · FIPS 48077 · Henrietta

Clay County

Population 10,730 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clay County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Henrietta) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clay County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Henrietta) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Clay County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Clay County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Texas rural county near Oklahoma border. Henrietta is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/clay-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COCHRAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #941* · FIPS 48079 · Morton

Cochran County

Population 2,583 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cochran County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Morton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cochran County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Morton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cochran County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cochran County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cochran-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #943* · FIPS 48081 · Robert Lee

Coke County

Population 3,396 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Coke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Robert Lee) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Coke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Robert Lee) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Coke County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Coke County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small West Texas county on Colorado River. Sparsely populated ranching area. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/coke-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COLEMAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #944* · FIPS 48083 · Coleman

Coleman County

Population 7,990 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Coleman County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Coleman) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Coleman County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Coleman) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Coleman County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Coleman County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central West Texas rural county. Coleman is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/coleman-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COLLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1015* · FIPS 48085 · McKinney

Collin County

Population 1,079,153 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Collin County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. Texas municipal zoning ordinances may not prohibit CFPOs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (No Collin County-level home occupation permit for cottage food in unincorporated areas. Cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, Richardson, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Collin County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. Texas municipal zoning ordinances may not prohibit CFPOs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — No Collin County-level home occupation permit for cottage food in unincorporated areas. Cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, Richardson, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Starting Sept 2025, TCS food sellers must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — state preemption applies; Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Collin County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the US (Dallas suburb). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State preemption bars local health departments from licensing or inspecting CFPOs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised the cap to \$150,000. Cities like Plano, Frisco, and McKinney may have home occupation ordinances that apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.collincountytx.gov>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/collin-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #945* · FIPS 48087 · Wellington

Collingsworth County

Population 2,611 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Collingsworth County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Wellington) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Collingsworth County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Wellington) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Collingsworth County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Collingsworth County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Small rural population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/collingsworth-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COLORADO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #946* · FIPS 48089 · Columbus

Colorado County

Population 21,475 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Colorado County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Columbus) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Colorado County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Columbus) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Colorado County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Colorado County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Central Texas county on Colorado River. Columbus is a historic small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/colorado-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COMAL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #528* · FIPS 48091 · New Braunfels

Comal County

Population 165,201 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas state law prohibits health department regulation. Comal County unincorporated areas may require home occupation permit under county zoning. New Braunfels city has its own zoning rules. Comal County government website confirmed at comalcounty.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas state law prohibits health department regulation. Comal County unincorporated areas may require home occupation permit under county zoning. New Braunfels city has its own zoning rules. Comal County government website confirmed at comalcounty.gov.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home and farmers markets permitted. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Comal County zoning ordinances.

RESEARCH NOTES

Comal County government website confirmed at comalcounty.gov. No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond Texas state baseline. Comal County is rapidly growing (Hill Country, between San Antonio and Austin). Texas strong cottage food protections apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.comalcounty.gov>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/comal-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COMANCHE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #947* · FIPS 48093 · Comanche

Comanche County

Population 14,359 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Comanche County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Comanche) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Comanche County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Comanche) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Comanche County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Comanche County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas rural county. Comanche is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/comanche-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CONCHO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #949* · FIPS 48095 · Paint Rock

Concho County

Population 3,326 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Concho County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paint Rock) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Concho County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paint Rock) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Concho County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Concho County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Very small rural West Texas county. Paint Rock is among the smallest county seats in Texas. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/concho-county-discuss>

TEXAS: COOKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #950* · FIPS 48097 · Gainesville

Cooke County

Population 44,258 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cooke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Gainesville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cooke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Gainesville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cooke County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cooke County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Texas county on Red River. Gainesville may have city-level home occupation rules. No separate county zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs cottage food operations. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cooke-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CORYELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1108* · FIPS 48099 · Gatesville

Coryell County

Population 82,927 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No regulatory authority for health departments.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Coryell County and the City of Gatesville may have home occupation requirements. No Coryell County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Note: significant military population from Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood) in adjacent Bell County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No regulatory authority for health departments.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Coryell County and the City of Gatesville may have home occupation requirements. No Coryell County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Note: significant military population from Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood) in adjacent Bell County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All direct and indirect sales permitted within Texas framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Coryell County-specific cottage food code identified. Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Coryell County follows Texas cottage food framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: COTTLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #951* · FIPS 48101 · Paducah

Cottle County

Population 1,263 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cottle County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paducah) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cottle County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paducah) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cottle County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cottle County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/cottle-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CRANE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #952* · FIPS 48103 · Crane

Crane County

Population 4,594 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Crane County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crane) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Crane County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crane) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crane County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crane County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Permian Basin county. Oil and gas industry presence. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/crane-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CROCKETT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #953* · FIPS 48105 · Ozona

Crockett County

Population 2,799 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Crockett County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Ozona) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Crockett County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Ozona) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crockett County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crockett County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Large, sparsely populated West Texas county. Ozona is the only incorporated community. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/crockett-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CROSBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #955* · FIPS 48107 · Crosbyton

Crosby County

Population 5,030 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Crosby County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crosbyton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Crosby County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crosbyton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crosby County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crosby County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas Panhandle county. Small agricultural community. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/crosby-county-discuss>

TEXAS: CULBERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #957* · FIPS 48109 · Van Horn

Culberson County

Population 2,254 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Culberson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Van Horn) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Culberson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Van Horn) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Culberson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Culberson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Large remote West Texas county near Guadalupe Mountains. Van Horn is the only town of size. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: DALLAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #958* · FIPS 48111 · Dalhart

Dallam County

Population 7,526 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Dallam County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dalhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Dallam County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dalhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dallam County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dallam County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Extreme northwest Texas Panhandle county. Dalhart is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: DALLAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #989* · FIPS 48113 · Dallas

Dallas County

Population 2,604,053 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Dallas County follows state cottage food law; county zoning applies in unincorporated areas only. The City of Dallas and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning codes that may require home occupation permits. Texas Local Government Code Ch. 231 Subchapter M limits county zoning restrictions on CFPOs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (Dallas County has limited unincorporated area. Most residents are in incorporated cities (Dallas, Irving, Garland, etc.) that have their own home occupation permit requirements. Dallas County Planning & Development handles only unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health (state law preemption). No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Dallas County follows state cottage food law; county zoning applies in unincorporated areas only. The City of Dallas and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning codes that may require home occupation permits. Texas Local Government Code Ch. 231 Subchapter M limits county zoning restrictions on CFPOs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health (state law preemption). No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — Dallas County has limited unincorporated area. Most residents are in incorporated cities (Dallas, Irving, Garland, etc.) that have their own home occupation permit requirements. Dallas County Planning & Development handles only unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, and online/delivery sales with no county-level restriction. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Starting Sept 2025, CFPO selling TCS foods must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — minimal unincorporated area; Tex. Local Gov’t Code §231.181-186 (Subchapter M) limits county zoning of CFPOs

RESEARCH NOTES

Dallas County has very little unincorporated area — the vast majority of residents are in incorporated cities. The dominant city, Dallas, has its own zoning code with home occupation standards. State law preempts county health departments from licensing or inspecting CFPOs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised the annual cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev>

- <https://www.dallascounty.org>

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

- <https://law.justia.com/codes/texas/local-government-code/title-7/subtitle-b/chapter-231/subchapter-m/>

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TEXAS: DAWSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #959* · FIPS 48115 · Lamesa

Dawson County

Population 11,758 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Dawson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lamesa) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Dawson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lamesa) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dawson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dawson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas agricultural county on Llano Estacado. Lamesa may have city-level zoning. No separate county code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/dawson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DEAF SMITH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #960* · FIPS 48117 · Hereford

Deaf Smith County

Population 18,495 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Deaf Smith County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Hereford) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Deaf Smith County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Hereford) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Deaf Smith County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Deaf Smith County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle county. Hereford is an agricultural hub. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/deaf-smith-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DELTA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #961* · FIPS 48119 · Cooper

Delta County

Population 5,647 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Delta County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cooper) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Delta County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cooper) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Delta County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Delta County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small Northeast Texas county. Cooper is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/delta-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DENTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #361* · FIPS 48121 · Denton

Denton County

Population 914,870 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025; cap raised to \$150,000) · **HIGH**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (State law preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. No county/city can require permits, fees, or inspections for cottage food. Must be produced in a private home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (inflation-adjusted CPI-U from 2025). Food handler certification required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Municipal zoning ordinances cannot prevent a cottage food operation in a home. However, city/county zoning rules on traffic, parking, noise, and nuisance still apply. Cities within Denton County (Denton, Lewisville, Flower Mound, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Contact the City of Denton Development Services or applicable city planning department. Denton County Planning may apply for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Local health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State law preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. No county/city can require permits, fees, or inspections for cottage food. Must be produced in a private home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (inflation-adjusted CPI-U from 2025). Food handler certification required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification from accredited program required under state law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; no additional county requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Local health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Municipal zoning ordinances cannot prevent a cottage food operation in a home. However, city/county zoning rules on traffic, parking, noise, and nuisance still apply. Cities within Denton County (Denton, Lewisville, Flower Mound, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Contact the City of Denton Development Services or applicable city planning department. Denton County Planning may apply for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad direct-to-consumer sales permitted: in-person, online (with personal delivery by operator/household member within Texas), farmers markets, roadside stands. Online sales allowed if operator personally delivers. No mail/carrier shipping. Since SB 541 (2025), wholesale to registered cottage food vendors also permitted for non-TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; municipal zoning ordinances vary by city

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas is one of the strongest state preemption states for cottage food. Local health departments explicitly cannot require permits, fees, or inspections. SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and added cottage food vendor pathway. The texascottagefoodlaw.com resource confirms no municipal zoning ordinance can prevent a CFO. Denton County is heavily suburban with many incorporated municipalities — check applicable city for home occupation permit (separate from food safety regulation). DSHS registration available optionally for label ID number in lieu of home address.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dentoncounty.gov/health>

<https://www.dentoncounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.dentoncounty.gov>

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/basics/>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/denton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DEWITT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #939* · FIPS 48123 · Cuero

DeWitt County

Population 20,252 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (DeWitt County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cuero) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — DeWitt County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cuero) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

DeWitt County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for DeWitt County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas county known for turkey farming. Cuero is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/dewitt-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DICKENS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #938* · FIPS 48125 · Dickens

Dickens County

Population 1,725 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Dickens County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dickens) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Dickens County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dickens) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dickens County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dickens County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small West Texas Panhandle county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/dickens-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DIMMIT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #937* · FIPS 48127 · Carrizo Springs

Dimmit County

Population 8,181 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Dimmit County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Carrizo Springs) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Dimmit County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Carrizo Springs) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dimmit County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dimmit County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas border county. Eagle Ford Shale oil/gas presence. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/dimmit-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DONLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #936* · FIPS 48129 · Clarendon

Donley County

Population 3,193 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Donley County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Clarendon) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Donley County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Clarendon) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Donley County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Donley County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Clarendon is a small college town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/donley-county-discuss>

TEXAS: DUVAL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1019* · FIPS 48131 · San Diego

Duval County

Population 9,585 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Duval County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., San Diego) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Duval County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., San Diego) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Duval County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Duval County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas rural county. Primarily ranching and oil. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/duval-county-discuss>

TEXAS: EASTLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #914* · FIPS 48133 · Eastland

Eastland County

Population 18,290 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Eastland County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Eastland) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Eastland County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Eastland) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Eastland County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Eastland County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central West Texas county. Eastland is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/eastland-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ECTOR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #980* · FIPS 48135 · Odessa

Ector County

Population 162,300 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Ector County is largely unincorporated outside Odessa city limits. City of Odessa may have home occupation rules under its zoning ordinance, but Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A business tax permit from the Texas Comptroller may be required for sales tax purposes.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Ector County is largely unincorporated outside Odessa city limits. City of Odessa may have home occupation rules under its zoning ordinance, but Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A business tax permit from the Texas Comptroller may be required for sales tax purposes.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; City of Odessa zoning ordinance for home occupation rules

RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Ector County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.ector.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: EDWARDS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #915* · FIPS 48137 · Rocksprings

Edwards County

Population 1,383 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Edwards County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Rocksprings) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Edwards County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Rocksprings) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Edwards County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Edwards County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Remote Edwards Plateau county. Rocksprings is among the smallest county seats. Very sparse population; no county zoning code. State law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: EL PASO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #467* · FIPS 48141 · El Paso

El Paso County

Population 863,832 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas strong state preemption applies. No local permit, inspection, or fee for cottage food production. Must be in private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No municipal zoning can prevent cottage food operations. City of El Paso may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities separate from food safety regulation. Contact City of El Paso Development Services Department for home occupation requirements. County rules apply only in unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No local health department inspection authority. DSHS/local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas strong state preemption applies. No local permit, inspection, or fee for cottage food production. Must be in private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required from accredited program
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No local health department inspection authority. DSHS/local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No municipal zoning can prevent cottage food operations. City of El Paso may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities separate from food safety regulation. Contact City of El Paso Development Services Department for home occupation requirements. County rules apply only in unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer including online with personal delivery within Texas. SB 541 (2025): wholesale to registered cottage food vendors permitted for non-TCS foods. No mail/carrier shipping. \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; City of El Paso zoning code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

El Paso County follows Texas state baseline. The City of El Paso contains the vast majority of the county population. Texas strong preemption prevents local health department regulation of cottage food. No El Paso County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.epcounty.com>

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

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/basics/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/el-paso-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ELLIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #539* · FIPS 48139 · Waxahachie

Ellis County

Population 195,509 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq., most recently amended by SB 541 in 2025) allows almost all non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual sales cap: \$150,000 gross income (raised by SB 541, 2025). No licensing requirement. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations (may only act to prevent immediate threat to human life/health). Ellis County is south of Dallas in the DFW metro area.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit pet restriction in Texas cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas cottage food law provides no statewide home occupation preemption. Ellis County and municipalities (Waxahachie, Midlothian, Ennis, Corsicana) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Ellis County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq., most recently amended by SB 541 in 2025) allows almost all non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual sales cap: \$150,000 gross income (raised by SB 541, 2025). No licensing requirement. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations (may only act to prevent immediate threat to human life/health). Ellis County is south of Dallas in the DFW metro area.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction in Texas cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No water testing requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage. Excluded: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas cottage food law provides no statewide home occupation preemption. Ellis County and municipalities (Waxahachie, Midlothian, Ennis, Corsicana) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Ellis County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas cottage food permits direct sales, home pickup, delivery, online sales, farmers markets, and events. Nonprofit organizations may now operate under cottage food framework (SB 541, 2025). \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Texas cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Ellis County zoning ordinances (contact for home occupation)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas state baseline applies. Ellis County (county seat: Waxahachie) is south of Dallas in the fast-growing DFW metro area. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised the annual cap from previous level to \$150,000 and added nonprofits as eligible operators. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Texas cottage food law is producer-friendly with limited health department authority.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: ERATH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #916* · FIPS 48143 · Stephenville

Erath County

Population 44,496 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Erath County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Stephenville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Erath County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Stephenville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Erath County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Erath County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Central Texas county. Stephenville is a college town (Tarleton State). City may have home occupation rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: FALLS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #917* · FIPS 48145 · Marlin

Falls County

Population 17,752 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Falls County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Marlin) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Falls County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Marlin) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Falls County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Falls County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county on Brazos River. Marlin is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/falls-county-discuss>

TEXAS: FANNIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #918* · FIPS 48147 · Bonham

Fannin County

Population 38,650 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fannin County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Bonham) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Fannin County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Bonham) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Fannin County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fannin County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Northeast Texas county near Oklahoma border. Bonham may have city zoning rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
- <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: FAYETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #919* · FIPS 48149 · La Grange

Fayette County

Population 25,488 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fayette County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., La Grange) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Fayette County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., La Grange) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Fayette County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fayette County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Central Texas county. La Grange is a historic small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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TEXAS: FISHER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #88* · FIPS 48151 · Roby

Fisher County

Population 3,848 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Fisher County is a small rural county. Unincorporated county areas have no zoning. Texas cottage food law expressly preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Fisher County is a small rural county. Unincorporated county areas have no zoning. Texas cottage food law expressly preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas county, pop. ~3,848. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and expanded allowed foods. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.fisher.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: FLOYD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #101* · FIPS 48153 · Floydada

Floyd County

Population 5,709 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Floyd County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Floyd County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~5,709. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.floydcounty.org>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/floyd-county-discuss>

TEXAS: FOARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #89* · FIPS 48155 · Crowell

Foard County

Population 1,155 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Foard County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Foard County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Texas county, pop. ~1,155. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/foard-county-discuss>

TEXAS: FORT BEND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #464* · FIPS 48157 · Richmond

Fort Bend County

Population 832,607 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas strong state preemption applies. No local permit, fee, or inspection for cottage food. Must be private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No zoning ordinance can prevent cottage food operations. Cities within Fort Bend County (Sugar Land, Pearland, Missouri City, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities. Contact the applicable city’s planning department. Fort Bend County rules apply only in unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No local health department inspection authority for cottage food.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas strong state preemption applies. No local permit, fee, or inspection for cottage food. Must be private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification from accredited program required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No local health department inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No zoning ordinance can prevent cottage food operations. Cities within Fort Bend County (Sugar Land, Pearland, Missouri City, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities. Contact the applicable city’s planning department. Fort Bend County rules apply only in unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer including online with personal delivery within Texas. SB 541 (2025): wholesale to registered cottage food vendors permitted for non-TCS foods. \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; municipal home occupation ordinances vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Fort Bend County follows Texas state baseline. Strong preemption prevents local health department regulation. The county is rapidly growing suburban Houston area with multiple incorporated cities. No Fort Bend County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov>

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

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/basics/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/fort-bend-county-discuss>

TEXAS: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #90* · FIPS 48159 · Mount Vernon

Franklin County

Population 10,605 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Franklin County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Franklin County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Northeast Texas county, pop. ~10,605. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.franklin.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: FREESTONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #91* · FIPS 48161 · Fairfield

Freestone County

Population 19,735 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Freestone County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Freestone County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county, pop. ~19,735. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.freestone.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/freestone-county-discuss>

TEXAS: FRIO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #92* · FIPS 48163 · Pearsall

Frio County

Population 20,306 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Frio County is a rural South Texas county near the Nueces River. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Frio County is a rural South Texas county near the Nueces River. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South Texas county, pop. ~20,306. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.frio.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/frio-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GAINES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #93* · FIPS 48165 · Seminole

Gaines County

Population 21,492 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Gaines County is a rural West Texas county in the Permian Basin. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Gaines County is a rural West Texas county in the Permian Basin. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural West Texas county, pop. ~21,492. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.gaines.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/gaines-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GALVESTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #879* · FIPS 48167 · Galveston

Galveston County

Population 350,801 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; no license/registration required; no inspection; \$150,000 annual sales cap · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No TCS foods; required labeling disclaimer; no state license or inspection)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county-specific requirement identified; City of Galveston and other municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No TCS foods; required labeling disclaimer; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage conditions required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county-specific requirement identified; City of Galveston and other municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer and indirect to retailers; \$150,000 annual cap
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Same TX state baseline applies. No Galveston County-specific cottage food overlay found. Barrier islands jurisdiction (City of Galveston) may have additional zoning restrictions not researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/galveston-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GARZA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #94* · FIPS 48169 · Post

Garza County

Population 6,229 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Garza County is a small rural West Texas county on the Llano Estacado. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Garza County is a small rural West Texas county on the Llano Estacado. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county, pop. ~6,229. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.garza.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/garza-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GILLESPIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #921* · FIPS 48171 · Fredericksburg

Gillespie County

Population 27,623 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Gillespie County has a planning department and the City of Fredericksburg has active zoning. Unincorporated county areas may have subdivision deed restrictions but the county does not have comprehensive zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulation and prohibits municipalities from banning cottage food on zoning grounds. City of Fredericksburg home occupation rules may apply within city limits but cannot override state cottage food production rights.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Gillespie County has a planning department and the City of Fredericksburg has active zoning. Unincorporated county areas may have subdivision deed restrictions but the county does not have comprehensive zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulation and prohibits municipalities from banning cottage food on zoning grounds. City of Fredericksburg home occupation rules may apply within city limits but cannot override state cottage food production rights.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors. Fredericksburg Farmers Market is a notable outlet.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local ordinance may apply within Fredericksburg city limits.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025); City of Fredericksburg zoning code for in-city operations

RESEARCH NOTES

Growing Hill Country county anchored by Fredericksburg tourism economy, pop. ~27,623. Texas state preemption applies county-wide for cottage food health regulation. City of Fredericksburg zoning may have home occupation rules that affect signage and customer traffic but cannot prohibit cottage food production. No specific Gillespie County cottage food ordinance identified beyond state baseline. County website URL not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.gillespiecounty.org>

<https://www.gillespiecounty.org>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/gillespie-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GLASSCOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #95* · FIPS 48173 · Garden City

Glasscock County

Population 1,310 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Glasscock County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Glasscock County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West Texas county, pop. ~1,310. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/glasscock-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GOLIAD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #96* · FIPS 48175 · Goliad

Goliad County

Population 7,658 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Goliad County is a rural South Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Goliad County is a rural South Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South Texas county, pop. ~7,658. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.goliad.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/goliad-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GONZALES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #97* · FIPS 48177 · Gonzales

Gonzales County

Population 20,837 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Gonzales County is a rural South-Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Gonzales County is a rural South-Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South-Central Texas county, pop. ~20,837. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: GRAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #98* · FIPS 48179 · Pampa

Gray County

Population 22,535 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Gray County is a Texas Panhandle county anchored by Pampa. Unincorporated county areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Pampa may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Gray County is a Texas Panhandle county anchored by Pampa. Unincorporated county areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Pampa may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~22,535. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.gray.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/gray-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GRAYSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #992* · FIPS 48181 · Sherman

Grayson County

Population 137,008 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

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 (Grayson County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Sherman (county seat) and Denison have their 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 — Grayson County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Sherman (county seat) and Denison have their 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 permitted from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/restaurant sales allowed with restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Grayson County, TX zoning ordinance (unincorporated areas).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TX) confirmed. No county-specific URLs in input. Grayson County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/grayson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GREGG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1013* · FIPS 48183 · Longview

Gregg County

Population 124,245 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Gregg County unincorporated areas and the city of Longview may have separate home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law §559.955 requires cottage food operators to comply with home-based business rules. Contact Gregg County or Longview city planning for zoning specifics.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County follows state baseline.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices; no mandatory training or certification for Texas cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards. TCS foods not permitted under cottage food framework.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Gregg County unincorporated areas and the city of Longview may have separate home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law §559.955 requires cottage food operators to comply with home-based business rules. Contact Gregg County or Longview city planning for zoning specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allowed. Products may not be sold at wholesale. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Texas cottage food law (as amended by SB 541, 2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No county-specific URLs provided in input and no county-specific overlay found. Gregg County is the seat of Longview, TX (pop ~81K), which has its own city zoning. Confidence medium: state law well-documented; county/city zoning overlay not researched due to no input URLs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/gregg-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GRIMES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #99* · FIPS 48185 · Anderson

Grimes County

Population 28,880 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Grimes County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.

HANDWASHING Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT No — Grimes County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county north of Houston, pop. ~28,880. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.grimes.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/grimes-county-discuss>

TEXAS: GUADALUPE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #510* · FIPS 48187 · Seguin

Guadalupe County

Population 173,828 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments may not regulate cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas state law prohibits health department regulation of cottage food. Guadalupe County unincorporated areas may have home occupation zoning requirements. County URLs were blank in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments may not regulate cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for permitted non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas state law prohibits health department regulation of cottage food. Guadalupe County unincorporated areas may have home occupation zoning requirements. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home, farmers markets allowed. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Guadalupe County (near San Antonio, part of Texas Hill Country) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules beyond Texas state baseline. County URLs were blank in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/guadalupe-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HALE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #84* · FIPS 48189 · Plainview

Hale County

Population 33,406 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hale County is a South Plains Texas Panhandle county anchored by Plainview. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Plainview may have home occupation ordinance within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hale County is a South Plains Texas Panhandle county anchored by Plainview. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Plainview may have home occupation ordinance within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

South Plains Texas county, pop. ~33,406. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hale.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hale-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #82* · FIPS 48191 · Memphis

Hall County

Population 2,784 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hall County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hall County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~2,784. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hall-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HAMILTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #83* · FIPS 48193 · Hamilton

Hamilton County

Population 8,461 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hamilton County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hamilton County is a rural Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county, pop. ~8,461. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hamilton.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hamilton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HANSFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #73* · FIPS 48195 · Spearman

Hansford County

Population 5,399 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hansford County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hansford County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~5,399. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hansford-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HARDEMAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #65* · FIPS 48197 · Quanah

Hardeman County

Population 3,840 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hardeman County is a small rural North Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hardeman County is a small rural North Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural North Texas county, pop. ~3,840. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hardeman-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HARDIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1052* · FIPS 48199 · Kountze

Hardin County

Population 56,576 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (amended by SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (All non-TCS foods allowed including most baked goods, candy, jams, pickles, dried herbs, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Annual cap \$150,000 (as of 2025 SB 541). No inspection or registration. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific TX state or Hardin County restriction on pets; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hardin County is largely unincorporated rural area. Texas state law preempts local health regulation of cottage food operations. A local home occupation permit may be required under general county zoning for home-based business activity. Contact Hardin County government in Kountze.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health (DSHS or local health authority). No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — All non-TCS foods allowed including most baked goods, candy, jams, pickles, dried herbs, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Annual cap \$150,000 (as of 2025 SB 541). No inspection or registration. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TX state or Hardin County restriction on pets; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No formal requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS and not require refrigeration (with exceptions). Proper labeling required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health (DSHS or local health authority). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hardin County is largely unincorporated rural area. Texas state law preempts local health regulation of cottage food operations. A local home occupation permit may be required under general county zoning for home-based business activity. Contact Hardin County government in Kountze.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales allowed. Online orders with in-person delivery or pickup permitted. The 2025 SB 541 amendment created the 'cottage food vendor' intermediary allowing third-party sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	TX statute does not specify a cap for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; no Hardin County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas is one of the most permissive cottage food states. The 2025 SB 541 raised the cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits and cottage food vendors. Hardin County is a rural East Texas county. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, and low-acid canned goods.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hardin-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HARRIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #185* · FIPS 48201 · Houston

Harris County

Population 4,726,177 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **HIGH**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Harris County has no county-level zoning in its unincorporated areas, meaning no county zoning ordinance applies to home-based cottage food businesses. Deed restrictions and HOA covenants may restrict commercial activity on residential properties. The state law preempts local government from licensing or inspecting cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Harris County has no county-level zoning in unincorporated areas; no home occupation permit required from the county. Cities within Harris County (including Houston) have their own zoning and may require a home occupation permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health (state law preemption). No routine or complaint-driven inspection authority for CFPO.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Harris County has no county-level zoning in its unincorporated areas, meaning no county zoning ordinance applies to home-based cottage food businesses. Deed restrictions and HOA covenants may restrict commercial activity on residential properties. The state law preempts local government from licensing or inspecting cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health (state law preemption). No routine or complaint-driven inspection authority for CFPO.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Harris County has no county-level zoning in unincorporated areas; no home occupation permit required from the county. Cities within Harris County (including Houston) have their own zoning and may require a home occupation permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct sales, indirect sales (to restaurants and retailers), and online/delivery sales. No county-level restriction. Texas Local Government Code Ch. 231 Subchapter M prohibits counties from imposing zoning restrictions that would effectively ban CFPOs in residential areas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — unincorporated areas only; Tex. Local Gov't Code §231.181-186 (Subchapter M) limits county zoning of CFPOs

RESEARCH NOTES

Harris County is unique among large Texas counties: it has NO county-level zoning in unincorporated areas, meaning cottage food operators there face zero county land-use restrictions beyond state law. However, the City of Houston and other incorporated cities within Harris County do have zoning codes that could require home occupation permits. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised the annual sales cap to \$150,000 and created a registry for operators selling TCS foods or selling to other vendors (effective Sept 1, 2025).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov>

<https://www.harriscountytexas.gov>

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

<https://law.justia.com/codes/texas/local-government-code/title-7/subtitle-b/chapter-231/subchapter-m/>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/harris-county-tx>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/harris-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HARRISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1037* · FIPS 48203 · Marshall

Harrison County

Population 69,098 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limited indirect sales at designated venues (farmers markets, roadside stands, flea markets).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Harrison County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Marshall has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limited indirect sales at designated venues (farmers markets, roadside stands, flea markets).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Harrison County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Marshall has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery by producer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Great-tier state with \$150,000 cap. Harrison County is in East Texas near Louisiana border. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/harrison-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HARTLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #66* · FIPS 48205 · Channing

Hartley County

Population 5,767 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hartley County is a Texas Panhandle county adjacent to the New Mexico border. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hartley County is a Texas Panhandle county adjacent to the New Mexico border. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~5,767. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hartley-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HASKELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #67* · FIPS 48207 · Haskell

Haskell County

Population 5,336 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Haskell County is a small rural West-Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Haskell County is a small rural West-Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West-Central Texas county, pop. ~5,336. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/haskell-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HAYS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #443* · FIPS 48209 · San Marcos

Hays County

Population 245,351 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Hays County and San Marcos may require home occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Hays County and City of San Marcos may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Hays County Development Services or San Marcos Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Hays County and San Marcos may require home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Hays County and City of San Marcos may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Hays County Development Services or San Marcos Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; Hays County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Hays County TX follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). Fast-growing county in Austin metro area. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium – Texas state law confirmed but no specific Hays County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hayscountytexas.com>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hays-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HEMPHILL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #68* · FIPS 48211 · Canadian

Hemphill County

Population 3,819 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hemphill County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county on the Canadian River. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hemphill County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county on the Canadian River. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~3,819. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hemphill-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HENDERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1114* · FIPS 48213 · Athens

Henderson County

Population 82,627 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Home kitchen production. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Henderson County and the City of Athens may have home occupation requirements. No Henderson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Home kitchen production. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Henderson County and the City of Athens may have home occupation requirements. No Henderson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All direct and indirect sales permitted within Texas framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Henderson County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Henderson County follows Texas cottage food framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/henderson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HIDALGO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #468* · FIPS 48215 · Edinburg

Hidalgo County

Population 873,167 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas strong state preemption: local health departments cannot regulate cottage food production, require permits, fees, or inspections. Must be produced in private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No municipal zoning ordinance can prevent a cottage food operation. However, city/county nuisance, traffic, parking rules still apply. Cities within Hidalgo County (Edinburg, McAllen, Pharr, Mission, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities. Contact the applicable city’s planning department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No local health department inspection authority. DSHS/local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas strong state preemption: local health departments cannot regulate cottage food production, require permits, fees, or inspections. Must be produced in private home kitchen. Food handler certification required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification from accredited program required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No local health department inspection authority. DSHS/local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No municipal zoning ordinance can prevent a cottage food operation. However, city/county nuisance, traffic, parking rules still apply. Cities within Hidalgo County (Edinburg, McAllen, Pharr, Mission, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements for business activities. Contact the applicable city’s planning department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer including online with personal delivery by operator/household member within Texas. Since SB 541 (2025), wholesale to registered cottage food vendors permitted for non-TCS foods. No mail/carrier shipping. \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; municipal home occupation ordinances vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Hidalgo County follows Texas state baseline. Texas strong preemption prevents local health department regulation of cottage food. The county is largely urban (McAllen metro area); most residents fall under incorporated municipal jurisdiction. No Hidalgo County-specific cottage food ordinance found. The DSHS cottage food page and [texascottagefoodlaw.com](https://www.texascottagefoodlaw.com) confirm the general framework.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hidalgocounty.us>

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

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/basics/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hidalgo-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HILL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #69* · FIPS 48217 · Hillsboro

Hill County

Population 36,649 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hill County is a Central Texas county on I-35 south of Dallas-Fort Worth. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Hillsboro may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hill County is a Central Texas county on I-35 south of Dallas-Fort Worth. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Hillsboro may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Central Texas county, pop. ~36,649. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hill.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hill-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HOCKLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #70* · FIPS 48219 · Levelland

Hockley County

Population 23,162 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hockley County is a South Plains county adjacent to Lubbock County. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Levelland may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hockley County is a South Plains county adjacent to Lubbock County. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Levelland may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

South Plains Texas county adjacent to Lubbock, pop. ~23,162. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hockley.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/hockley-county-discuss>

TEXAS: HOOD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #87* · FIPS 48221 · Granbury

Hood County

Population 62,459 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (as amended by SB 541, 2025) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory prohibition

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food in homes. Hood County is a growing exurban county southwest of Fort Worth near Granbury. No local permit required for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory prohibition
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods primarily; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food in homes. Hood County is a growing exurban county southwest of Fort Worth near Granbury. No local permit required for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales and wholesale to registered cottage food vendors allowed. No restrictions on delivery, farmers markets, or retail.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit

Relevant county code

Texas law preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food

RESEARCH NOTES

Hood County is a growing exurban county in the DFW metro area. Texas state law preempts local restrictions. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: HOPKINS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #71* · FIPS 48223 · Sulphur Springs

Hopkins County

Population 37,084 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hopkins County is a rural Northeast Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Sulphur Springs may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hopkins County is a rural Northeast Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Sulphur Springs may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Northeast Texas county, pop. ~37,084. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hopkins.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: HOUSTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #64* · FIPS 48225 · Crockett

Houston County

Population 22,968 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Houston County is a rural East Texas county (distinct from Harris County/City of Houston). Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Houston County is a rural East Texas county (distinct from Harris County/City of Houston). Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural East Texas county (county seat Crockett), pop. ~22,968. Not to be confused with Harris County (Houston metro). No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.houston.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: HOWARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #81* · FIPS 48227 · Big Spring

Howard County

Population 36,667 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Howard County is a West Texas county anchored by Big Spring. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Big Spring may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Howard County is a West Texas county anchored by Big Spring. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Big Spring may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

West Texas county anchored by Big Spring, pop. ~36,667. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.howard.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: HUDSPETH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #74* · FIPS 48229 · Sierra Blanca

Hudspeth County

Population 4,886 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hudspeth County is a large, very sparse Far West Texas county bordering New Mexico. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hudspeth County is a large, very sparse Far West Texas county bordering New Mexico. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very sparse Far West Texas border county, pop. ~4,886. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: HUNT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #482* · FIPS 48231 · Greenville

Hunt County

Population 101,596 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows almost all non-TCS foods. Annual sales cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of 2025.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Hunt County municipalities (Greenville, Commerce, Wolfe City, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Texas state law does not preempt local zoning, but health departments cannot regulate cottage food. No specific Hunt County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments cannot inspect except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows almost all non-TCS foods. Annual sales cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of 2025.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally mandated.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice products (shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, gelato), low-acid canned goods, products containing CBD or THC, raw milk and raw milk products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments cannot inspect except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Hunt County municipalities (Greenville, Commerce, Wolfe City, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Texas state law does not preempt local zoning, but health departments cannot regulate cottage food. No specific Hunt County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Most direct-to-consumer and indirect sales channels permitted. \$150,000 annual cap. Online and mail-order sales permitted. Sales to retailers, restaurants, and via third-party vendors allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Hunt County code section identified. State law governs: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hunt County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Texas’s 2025 SB 541 raised the cap to \$150,000. Hunt County is in the Dallas-Fort Worth exurban area east of Greenville. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: HUTCHINSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #75* · FIPS 48233 · Stinnett

Hutchinson County

Population 21,819 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Hutchinson County is a Texas Panhandle county near Amarillo. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Borger (largest city) may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Hutchinson County is a Texas Panhandle county near Amarillo. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Borger (largest city) may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~21,819. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hutchinson.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: IRION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #76* · FIPS 48235 · Mertzon

Irion County

Population 1,536 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Irion County is one of Texas’s least populous counties in West Texas. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Irion County is one of Texas’s least populous counties in West Texas. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West Texas county, pop. ~1,536. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/irion-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JACK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #77* · FIPS 48237 · Jacksboro

Jack County

Population 8,763 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jack County is a rural North Texas county northwest of Fort Worth. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jack County is a rural North Texas county northwest of Fort Worth. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural North Texas county, pop. ~8,763. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jack.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jack-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #78* · FIPS 48239 · Edna

Jackson County

Population 14,760 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jackson County is a rural South Texas Gulf Coast county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jackson County is a rural South Texas Gulf Coast county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South Texas Gulf Coast county, pop. ~14,760. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jackson.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jackson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JASPER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #79* · FIPS 48241 · Jasper

Jasper County

Population 35,604 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jasper County is a rural Deep East Texas county in the Piney Woods. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jasper County is a rural Deep East Texas county in the Piney Woods. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Deep East Texas Piney Woods county, pop. ~35,604. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jasper.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jasper-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #80* · FIPS 48243 · Fort Davis

Jeff Davis County

Population 2,274 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jeff Davis County is a very small, rural Trans-Pecos Far West Texas county home to the Davis Mountains. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jeff Davis County is a very small, rural Trans-Pecos Far West Texas county home to the Davis Mountains. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Trans-Pecos county in the Davis Mountains, pop. ~2,274. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #520* · FIPS 48245 · Beaumont

Jefferson County

Population 254,942 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and include producer's name/address. Jefferson County/Beaumont may require home occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Jefferson County and City of Beaumont may require home occupation permit or business license. No county-specific information found. Check with City of Beaumont Planning Division.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and include producer's name/address. Jefferson County/Beaumont may require home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Jefferson County and City of Beaumont may require home occupation permit or business license. No county-specific information found. Check with City of Beaumont Planning Division.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County TX follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county URLs provided in input and no county-specific cottage food ordinance found in research. Confidence medium — Texas state law confirmed but no specific Jefferson County .gov source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jefferson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JIM HOGG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #100* · FIPS 48247 · Hebbronville

Jim Hogg County

Population 5,200 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jim Hogg County is a small rural South Texas county near the Mexican border. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jim Hogg County is a small rural South Texas county near the Mexican border. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural South Texas border county, pop. ~5,200. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jim-hogg-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JIM WELLS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #72* · FIPS 48249 · Alice

Jim Wells County

Population 40,838 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jim Wells County is a South Texas county anchored by Alice. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Alice may have home occupation rules within city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jim Wells County is a South Texas county anchored by Alice. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales. City of Alice may have home occupation rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

South Texas county, pop. ~40,838. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jim-wells.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/jim-wells-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JOHNSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #498* · FIPS 48251 · Cleburne

Johnson County

Population 182,690 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. No wholesale. Health departments may not regulate cottage food operations; DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas state law does not require permits for cottage food; health departments have no authority to regulate. Johnson County (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation permit requirements under county zoning. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county-level ordinance verified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. No wholesale. Health departments may not regulate cottage food operations; DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for permitted non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas state law does not require permits for cottage food; health departments have no authority to regulate. Johnson County (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation permit requirements under county zoning. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county-level ordinance verified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands permitted. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has strong cottage food protections with no registration or inspection requirements. \$150,000 sales cap effective 2025 per SB 541. Johnson County has no verified county-level cottage food rules beyond state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. Texas cottage food law broadly prohibits local health department regulation of cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/johnson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: JONES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #102* · FIPS 48253 · Anson

Jones County

Population 19,891 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Jones County is a rural West Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Jones County is a rural West Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural West Texas county, pop. ~19,891. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jones.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: KARNES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #128* · FIPS 48255 · Karnes City

Karnes County

Population 15,601 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Karnes County is a rural South Texas county in the Eagle Ford Shale area. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Karnes County is a rural South Texas county in the Eagle Ford Shale area. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South Texas county in the Eagle Ford region, pop. ~15,601. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.karnes.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: KAUFMAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #971* · FIPS 48257 · Kaufman

Kaufman County

Population 149,773 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kaufman County is largely unincorporated outside the city of Kaufman. Local zoning ordinances may apply for home-based businesses but state cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A Texas Comptroller business tax permit may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kaufman County is largely unincorporated outside the city of Kaufman. Local zoning ordinances may apply for home-based businesses but state cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A Texas Comptroller business tax permit may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; local zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules. No Kaufman County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kaufman-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KENDALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #928* · FIPS 48259 · Boerne

Kendall County

Population 47,431 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kendall County is a fast-growing Hill Country county in the San Antonio metro area. Kendall County has a Forms and Permits page at co.kendall.tx.us. Unincorporated county areas do not have comprehensive county zoning. City of Boerne has its own zoning and home occupation rules that apply within city limits. Texas cottage food law expressly preempts local health regulation and prohibits zoning-based bans on cottage food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kendall County is a fast-growing Hill Country county in the San Antonio metro area. Kendall County has a Forms and Permits page at co.kendall.tx.us . Unincorporated county areas do not have comprehensive county zoning. City of Boerne has its own zoning and home occupation rules that apply within city limits. Texas cottage food law expressly preempts local health regulation and prohibits zoning-based bans on cottage food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors. Boerne Farmers Market is a notable local venue.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local City of Boerne zoning may affect in-city operations.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025); City of Boerne zoning code for in-city operations

RESEARCH NOTES

Growing San Antonio metro Hill Country county, pop. ~47,431. Kendall County govt website confirmed at [co.kendall.tx.us](https://www.co.kendall.tx.us) with a Forms and Permits page. No specific cottage food county ordinance identified; Texas state preemption applies. City of Boerne zoning applies within city limits. Search confirmed no county-level cottage food restrictions beyond state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.kendall.tx.us/252/Forms-Permits>

<https://www.co.kendall.tx.us>

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

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

<https://www.co.kendall.tx.us/252/Forms-Permits>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kendall-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KENEDY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #163* · FIPS 48261 · Sarita

Kenedy County

Population 404 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Kenedy County is one of the least-populated counties in the United States, a sparsely settled South Texas ranch county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Kenedy County is one of the least-populated counties in the United States, a sparsely settled South Texas ranch county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Extremely sparse South Texas ranch county, pop. ~404 (one of least populated US counties). No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kenedy-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KENT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #162* · FIPS 48263 · Jayton

Kent County

Population 762 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Kent County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Kent County is one of Texas’s smallest counties by population. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West Texas county, pop. ~762. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kent-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KERR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #899* · FIPS 48265 · Kerrville

Kerr County

Population 52,810 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (amended by SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific TX or Kerr County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kerr County (Kerrville, Hill Country Texas) is a popular retirement and tourism destination. Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Kerr County government or City of Kerrville for home occupation/business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TX or Kerr County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No formal requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/frozen treats, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kerr County (Kerrville, Hill Country Texas) is a popular retirement and tourism destination. Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Kerr County government or City of Kerrville for home occupation/business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales. Online orders permitted. 2025 SB 541 created 'cottage food vendor' intermediary.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	TX statute does not specify a cap.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; no Kerr County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Kerr County is in the Texas Hill Country (Kerrville), a popular destination for retirees and tourists. Active farmers market and arts community. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State TX baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kerr-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KIMBLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #161* · FIPS 48267 · Junction

Kimble County

Population 4,337 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Kimble County is a small rural Texas Hill Country county at the confluence of the North and South Llano Rivers. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Kimble County is a small rural Texas Hill Country county at the confluence of the North and South Llano Rivers. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Hill Country county, pop. ~4,337. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kimble-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #160* · FIPS 48269 · Guthrie

King County

Population 272 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (King County is one of the least-populated counties in the United States. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — King County is one of the least-populated counties in the United States. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Extremely sparse West Texas ranch county, pop. ~272 (one of least populated US counties). No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/king-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KINNEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #159* · FIPS 48271 · Brackettville

Kinney County

Population 3,100 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Kinney County is a small, largely rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Kinney County is a small, largely rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Kinney County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.kinney.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/kinney-county-discuss>

TEXAS: KLEBERG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #932* · FIPS 48273 · Kingsville

Kleberg County

Population 31,500 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kleberg County includes Kingsville, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kleberg County includes Kingsville, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small county with county seat Kingsville. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Kleberg County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.kleberg.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: KNOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #158* · FIPS 48275 · Benjamin

Knox County

Population 3,500 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Knox County is a small rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Knox County is a small rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Knox County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LA SALLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #156* · FIPS 48283 · Cotulla

La Salle County

Population 7,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (La Salle County is a small rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — La Salle County is a small rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No La Salle County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LAMAR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #445* · FIPS 48277 · Paris

Lamar County

Population 50,149 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Lamar County cottage food ordinances found. City of Paris (TX) and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Lamar County and City of Paris.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Lamar County cottage food ordinances found. City of Paris (TX) and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Lamar County and City of Paris.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Lamar County is in northeast Texas near the Oklahoma border; county seat Paris. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LAMB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #157* · FIPS 48279 · Littlefield

Lamb County

Population 13,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Lamb County is a rural West Texas county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Lamb County is a rural West Texas county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lamb County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LAMPASAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #933* · FIPS 48281 · Lampasas

Lampasas County

Population 21,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lampasas County includes the city of Lampasas which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lampasas County includes the city of Lampasas which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Central Texas rural county near Hill Country. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lampasas County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.lampasas.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: LAVACA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #155* · FIPS 48285 · Hallettsville

Lavaca County

Population 20,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Lavaca County is a rural county in South Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Lavaca County is a rural county in South Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural South Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lavaca County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #154* · FIPS 48287 · Giddings

Lee County

Population 17,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Lee County is a rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Lee County is a rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lee County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/lee-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LEON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #153* · FIPS 48289 · Centerville

Leon County

Population 17,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Leon County is a rural county in East-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Leon County is a rural county in East-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural East-Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Leon County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: LIBERTY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #912* · FIPS 48291 · Liberty

Liberty County

Population 93,523 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Liberty County is rural southeast Texas (Houston metro periphery). No county-wide home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Local municipalities may have requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Liberty County is rural southeast Texas (Houston metro periphery). No county-wide home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Local municipalities may have requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online, home delivery, farmers markets, events, retail stores all permitted. Internet sales expressly allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Liberty County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Liberty County-specific cottage food rules found. Liberty County is in southeast Texas near Houston. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits as eligible operators.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/liberty-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LIMESTONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #152* · FIPS 48293 · Groesbeck

Limestone County

Population 23,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Limestone County is a rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Limestone County is a rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Limestone County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/limestone-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LIPSCOMB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #151* · FIPS 48295 · Lipscomb

Lipscomb County

Population 3,300 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Lipscomb County is a very small rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Lipscomb County is a very small rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lipscomb County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/lipscomb-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LIVE OAK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #150* · FIPS 48297 · George West

Live Oak County

Population 12,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Live Oak County is a small rural county in South Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Live Oak County is a small rural county in South Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural South Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Live Oak County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/live-oak-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LLANO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #963* · FIPS 48299 · Llano

Llano County

Population 22,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Llano County is a Hill Country county with tourism activity. The City of Llano may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Llano County is a Hill Country county with tourism activity. The City of Llano may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hill Country county with tourism. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Llano County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.llano.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/llano-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LOVING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #149* · FIPS 48301 · Mentone

Loving County

Population 64 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Loving County is the least-populated county in the United States. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Loving County is the least-populated county in the United States. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Least-populated county in the US (~64 residents). State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Loving County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/loving-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LUBBOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #930* · FIPS 48303 · Lubbock

Lubbock County

Population 311,509 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; no license/registration required; no inspection; \$150,000 annual sales cap · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only; labeling required; \$150,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (City of Lubbock may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with City of Lubbock Planning Department)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling required; \$150,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — City of Lubbock may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with City of Lubbock Planning Department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted; retailers allowed; \$150,000 annual cap
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Same TX state baseline. No Lubbock County-specific cottage food overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.lubbock.tx.us>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/lubbock-county-discuss>

TEXAS: LYNN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #148* · FIPS 48305 · Tahoka

Lynn County

Population 5,800 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Lynn County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Lynn County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Lynn County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/lynn-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #146* · FIPS 48313 · Madisonville

Madison County

Population 14,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Madison County is a small rural county in East-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Madison County is a small rural county in East-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural East-Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Madison County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/madison-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MARION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #995* · FIPS 48315 · Jefferson

Marion County

Population 10,200 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Marion County includes Jefferson, a historic tourism town that may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Marion County includes Jefferson, a historic tourism town that may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

East Texas county with historic Jefferson tourism. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Marion County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/marion-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MARTIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #166* · FIPS 48317 · Stanton

Martin County

Population 5,600 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Martin County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Martin County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Martin County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/martin-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MASON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #182* · FIPS 48319 · Mason

Mason County

Population 4,100 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Mason County is a small rural Hill Country county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Mason County is a small rural Hill Country county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Hill Country county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Mason County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mason-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MATAGORDA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #997* · FIPS 48321 · Bay City

Matagorda County

Population 36,700 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Matagorda County includes Bay City, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Matagorda County includes Bay City, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Gulf Coast county with Bay City as county seat. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Matagorda County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.matagorda.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/matagorda-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MAVERICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1056* · FIPS 48323 · Eagle Pass

Maverick County

Population 57,806 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Maverick County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Eagle Pass may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Maverick County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Eagle Pass may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost all channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a 'cottage food vendor' intermediary (SB 541, 2025). No wholesale to restaurants or distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Maverick County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Maverick County. Texas cottage food law applies. Maverick County is on the Mexico border (Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras area) — note that Texas cottage food products cannot be sold across state or international lines. Prohibited items: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/maverick-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MCCULLOCH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #147* · FIPS 48307 · Brady

McCulloch County

Population 8,200 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (McCulloch County is a small rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — McCulloch County is a small rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No McCulloch County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mcculloch-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MCLENNAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #458* · FIPS 48309 · Waco

McLennan County

Population 261,090 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. McLennan County/Waco may require home occupation permit under local zoning.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (McLennan County and City of Waco may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Waco Development Services / City of Waco Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. McLennan County/Waco may require home occupation permit under local zoning.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited foods include meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — McLennan County and City of Waco may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Waco Development Services / City of Waco Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed. Nonprofits may operate under cottage food framework (SB 541, 2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; McLennan County/Waco zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

McLennan County TX (Waco) follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. City of Waco may have local business license requirements. Confidence medium — Texas state law confirmed but no McLennan County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.mclennan.tx.us>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mclennan-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MCMULLEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #165* · FIPS 48311 · Tilden

McMullen County

Population 800 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (McMullen County is one of the least-populated counties in Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — McMullen County is one of the least-populated counties in Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

One of the least-populated counties in Texas. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No McMullen County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mcmullen-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MEDINA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #491* · FIPS 48325 · Hondo

Medina County

Population 51,432 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Medina County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated Medina County follows county rules; City of Hondo has its own zoning. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Medina County and City of Hondo planning departments.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Medina County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated Medina County follows county rules; City of Hondo has its own zoning. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Medina County and City of Hondo planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendors (third-party intermediaries per SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery. No wholesale to distributors or restaurants without separate licensing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law with no license or inspection required. 2025 SB 541 raised the cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits and cottage food vendor intermediary. No Medina County-specific restrictions found. County is largely rural with Hondo as county seat.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/medina-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MENARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #181* · FIPS 48327 · Menard

Menard County

Population 2,100 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Menard County is a very small rural county in West-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Menard County is a very small rural county in West-Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West-Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Menard County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/menard-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MIDLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #535* · FIPS 48329 · Midland

Midland County

Population 169,393 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas state law prohibits health department regulation. Midland County unincorporated areas may require home occupation permit under county zoning. County government website confirmed at co.midland.tx.us.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas state law prohibits health department regulation. Midland County unincorporated areas may require home occupation permit under county zoning. County government website confirmed at co.midland.tx.us.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home and farmers markets permitted. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Midland County zoning ordinances.

RESEARCH NOTES

Midland County government website confirmed. Texas state cottage food law governs; no county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.midland.tx.us>

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

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

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TEXAS: MILAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #999* · FIPS 48331 · Cameron

Milam County

Population 24,700 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Milam County includes Cameron which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Milam County includes Cameron which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Milam County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/milam-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MILLS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #180* · FIPS 48333 · Goldthwaite

Mills County

Population 4,900 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Mills County is a small rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Mills County is a small rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Mills County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mills-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MITCHELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #179* · FIPS 48335 · Colorado City

Mitchell County

Population 8,600 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Mitchell County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Mitchell County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Mitchell County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/mitchell-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MONTAGUE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #178* · FIPS 48337 · Montague

Montague County

Population 19,500 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Montague County is a rural North Texas county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Montague County is a rural North Texas county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural North Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Montague County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/montague-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #442* · FIPS 48339 · Conroe

Montgomery County

Population 629,989 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No TCS foods without registration (as of SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification required. Local public health entities may NOT regulate production, require a permit, or charge fees for direct-to-consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas state law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) expressly preempts local public health entities from regulating cottage food production or requiring permits/fees. Montgomery County’s unincorporated areas are generally permissive for home-based businesses. However, cities within Montgomery County (Conroe, The Woodlands area, etc.) may have home occupation zoning ordinances. Check with specific city for any home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations or require fees. SB 541 (2025) maintains this preemption.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No TCS foods without registration (as of SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification required. Local public health entities may NOT regulate production, require a permit, or charge fees for direct-to-consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food handler certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must not be adulterated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations or require fees. SB 541 (2025) maintains this preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas state law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) expressly preempts local public health entities from regulating cottage food production or requiring permits/fees. Montgomery County’s unincorporated areas are generally permissive for home-based businesses. However, cities within Montgomery County (Conroe, The Woodlands area, etc.) may have home occupation zoning ordinances. Check with specific city for any home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-TCS foods: direct sales at home, farmers markets, online, mail/delivery, roadside stands. Third-party online platforms (Goldbelly, Amazon, etc.) allowed. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap. TCS foods: registration with DSHS required (effective Sept 1, 2025 per SB 541); may sell to cottage food vendors. Internet sales including across state lines permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025) for TCS food registration

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas is a Great-tier state with strong preemption of local health department regulation. Montgomery County (unincorporated) has no authority to require permits or fees for cottage food production. SB 541 (2025) expanded the law to allow TCS foods with DSHS registration. \$150,000 annual cap. Food handler certification required. State law does not preempt general home occupation zoning rules from cities (only health-department-style regulations are preempted). Montgomery County is rapidly growing suburban/exurban county; most population in unincorporated areas. No Montgomery County-specific cottage food overlay rules found. Confidence medium because city-level rules for Conroe and other municipalities were not specifically retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://mctx.org>

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

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/montgomery-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MOORE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1000* · FIPS 48341 · Dumas

Moore County

Population 21,800 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Moore County includes Dumas, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Moore County includes Dumas, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Moore County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/moore-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MORRIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #177* · FIPS 48343 · Daingerfield

Morris County

Population 12,400 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Morris County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Morris County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Northeast Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Morris County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/morris-county-discuss>

TEXAS: MOTLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #176* · FIPS 48345 · Matador

Motley County

Population 1,200 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Motley County is a very small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Motley County is a very small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Motley County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/motley-county-discuss>

TEXAS: NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #86* · FIPS 48347 · Nacogdoches

Nacogdoches County

Population 64,768 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (as amended by SB 541, 2025) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory prohibition; food handler training covers safe practices

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food production in homes. No local permit required. Nacogdoches County is a deep east Texas county with a university (SFA). Business registration and sales tax compliance may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect. DSHS/local may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory prohibition; food handler training covers safe practices
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods primarily; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect. DSHS/local may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food production in homes. No local permit required. Nacogdoches County is a deep east Texas county with a university (SFA). Business registration and sales tax compliance may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales and wholesale to registered cottage food vendors allowed (SB 541, 2025). Sales at home, farmers markets, events, and retail stores permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under TX cottage food law

Relevant county code

Texas law preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations

RESEARCH NOTES

Nacogdoches County is home to Stephen F. Austin State University. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and added wholesale channel through registered cottage food vendors. No county-specific restrictions apply due to TX state preemption. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/nacogdoches-county-discuss>

TEXAS: NAVARRO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #908* · FIPS 48349 · Corsicana

Navarro County

Population 52,834 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (amended by SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific TX or Navarro County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Navarro County includes Corsicana. Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Navarro County government or City of Corsicana for any general home occupation or business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TX or Navarro County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No formal requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/frozen treats, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Navarro County includes Corsicana. Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Navarro County government or City of Corsicana for any general home occupation or business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales. Online orders permitted. 2025 SB 541 created 'cottage food vendor' intermediary.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	TX statute does not specify a cap.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; no Navarro County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Navarro County is in northeast Texas south of Dallas-Fort Worth. Known for Corsicana fruitcake (Eilenberger's Bakery history). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/navarro-county-discuss>

TEXAS: NEWTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #175* · FIPS 48351 · Newton

Newton County

Population 13,600 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Newton County is a rural county in Deep East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Newton County is a rural county in Deep East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Deep East Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Newton County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/newton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: NOLAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1001* · FIPS 48353 · Sweetwater

Nolan County

Population 14,700 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Nolan County includes Sweetwater, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Nolan County includes Sweetwater, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

West Texas county known for wind energy. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Nolan County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/nolan-county-discuss>

TEXAS: NUECES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #891* · FIPS 48355 · Corpus Christi

Nueces County

Population 353,245 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; no license/registration required; no inspection; \$150,000 annual sales cap; direct and limited indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No TCS foods; must label with required disclaimer; no state inspection or license required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction; general sanitation required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (State preemption does not override local zoning. Corpus Christi (primary city) and unincorporated Nueces County may require home occupation permit; operator should check with local planning department)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No TCS foods; must label with required disclaimer; no state inspection or license required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction; general sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices
FOOD STORAGE	Stored in sanitary conditions away from contaminants

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State preemption does not override local zoning. Corpus Christi (primary city) and unincorporated Nueces County may require home occupation permit; operator should check with local planning department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to restaurants and retailers allowed up to \$150,000 annual cap
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas cottage food law is very permissive at state level. No county-specific overlay found for Nueces County. Local municipality (Corpus Christi) may have home occupation zoning rules not researched here.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nuecesco.com>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/nueces-county-discuss>

TEXAS: OCHILTREE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #174* · FIPS 48357 · Perryton

Ochiltree County

Population 10,200 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Ochiltree County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Ochiltree County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Ochiltree County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/ochiltree-county-discuss>

TEXAS: OLDHAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #173* · FIPS 48359 · Vega

Oldham County

Population 2,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Oldham County is a very small rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Oldham County is a very small rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Oldham County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/oldham-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ORANGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #942* · FIPS 48361 · Orange

Orange County

Population 84,761 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Health departments have no regulatory authority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Orange County and the City of Orange may have home occupation requirements. No Orange County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Orange County or City of Orange.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Health departments have no regulatory authority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Orange County and the City of Orange may have home occupation requirements. No Orange County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Orange County or City of Orange.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All direct and indirect sales permitted within Texas framework: from home, online, at events, to retailers. No wholesale to distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Orange County-specific cottage food code identified. Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Orange County, TX follows Texas's highly permissive cottage food framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/orange-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PALO PINTO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #172* · FIPS 48363 · Palo Pinto

Palo Pinto County

Population 28,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Palo Pinto County is a rural North-Central Texas county with lake tourism. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Palo Pinto County is a rural North-Central Texas county with lake tourism. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

North-Central Texas county with Possum Kingdom Lake. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Palo Pinto County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/palo-pinto-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PANOLA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #171* · FIPS 48365 · Carthage

Panola County

Population 23,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Panola County is a rural county in East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Panola County is a rural county in East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural East Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Panola County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/panola-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PARKER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #972* · FIPS 48367 · Weatherford

Parker County

Population 151,188 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Parker County is largely unincorporated outside Weatherford. City of Weatherford may have home occupation rules under its zoning ordinance, but Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A business tax permit from the Texas Comptroller may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Parker County is largely unincorporated outside Weatherford. City of Weatherford may have home occupation rules under its zoning ordinance, but Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. A business tax permit from the Texas Comptroller may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; City of Weatherford zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules. No Parker County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/parker-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PARMER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #170* · FIPS 48369 · Farwell

Parmer County

Population 10,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Parmer County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle, bordering New Mexico. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Parmer County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle, bordering New Mexico. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Texas Panhandle border county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Parmer County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/parmer-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PECOS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #169* · FIPS 48371 · Fort Stockton

Pecos County

Population 15,500 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Pecos County is a large, sparsely-populated county in Far West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Pecos County is a large, sparsely-populated county in Far West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Large sparsely-populated Far West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Pecos County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/pecos-county-discuss>

TEXAS: POLK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #490* · FIPS 48373 · Livingston

Polk County

Population 50,536 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Polk County cottage food ordinances found. City of Livingston and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Polk County and City of Livingston.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Polk County cottage food ordinances found. City of Livingston and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Polk County and City of Livingston.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Polk County is in East Texas (Piney Woods region). No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/polk-county-discuss>

TEXAS: POTTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1003* · FIPS 48375 · Amarillo

Potter County

Population 117,905 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Potter County follows state baseline. Note: Amarillo is split between Potter County and Randall County.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Potter County unincorporated areas and Amarillo city may have home occupation permit requirements. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955. No specific county-level details found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Texas law prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Potter County follows state baseline. Note: Amarillo is split between Potter County and Randall County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory training or certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Texas law prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Potter County unincorporated areas and Amarillo city may have home occupation permit requirements. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955. No specific county-level details found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online/delivery allowed. \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Potter County seat is Amarillo (shared with Randall County). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/potter-county-discuss>

TEXAS: PRESIDIO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1002* · FIPS 48377 · Marfa

Presidio County

Population 7,100 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Presidio County includes Marfa, an arts destination that may have home occupation rules under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Presidio County includes Marfa, an arts destination that may have home occupation rules under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Far West Texas county with arts community in Marfa. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Presidio County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/presidio-county-discuss>

TEXAS: RAINS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #168* · FIPS 48379 · Emory

Rains County

Population 11,500 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Rains County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Rains County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Northeast Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Rains County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/rains-county-discuss>

TEXAS: RANDALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #991* · FIPS 48381 · Canyon

Randall County

Population 141,489 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

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 before operations. 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 (Randall County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Canyon (county seat) and the Amarillo metropolitan area portions in Randall County have their 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; no routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. 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; no routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Randall County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Canyon (county seat) and the Amarillo metropolitan area portions in Randall County have their 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 permitted from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/restaurant sales allowed with restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Randall County, TX zoning ordinance (unincorporated areas).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TX) confirmed: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001, \$150,000 cap (2025). Randall County govt URL provided but specific ordinance provisions not retrieved. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.randallcounty.gov>

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

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

<https://www.randallcounty.gov>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/randall-county-discuss>

TEXAS: REAGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #183* · FIPS 48383 · Big Lake

Reagan County

Population 3,700 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Reagan County is a small rural county in West Texas with oil production. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Reagan County is a small rural county in West Texas with oil production. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Reagan County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/reagan-county-discuss>

TEXAS: REAL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #164* · FIPS 48385 · Leakey

Real County

Population 3,400 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Real County is a very small rural county in the Texas Hill Country. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Real County is a very small rural county in the Texas Hill Country. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Hill Country county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Real County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/real-county-discuss>

TEXAS: RED RIVER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #145* · FIPS 48387 · Clarksville

Red River County

Population 12,000 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Red River County is a rural county in Northeast Texas, bordering Oklahoma. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Red River County is a rural county in Northeast Texas, bordering Oklahoma. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Northeast Texas county bordering Oklahoma. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Red River County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/red-river-county-discuss>

TEXAS: REEVES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #144* · FIPS 48389 · Pecos

Reeves County

Population 11,956 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Reeves County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Reeves County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Reeves County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Reeves County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Reeves County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Reeves County is a large, sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Pecos). Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. SB 541 (2025) made Texas one of the most permissive cottage food states, explicitly barring local fees/permits. Defaulted to state baseline; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/reeves-county-discuss>

TEXAS: REFUGIO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #143* · FIPS 48391 · Refugio

Refugio County

Population 6,739 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Refugio County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Refugio County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Refugio County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Refugio County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Refugio County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Refugio County is a small South Texas county on the Gulf Coast plain. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. SB 541 (2025) explicitly bars local fees/permits. Defaulted to state baseline; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/refugio-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ROBERTS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #121* · FIPS 48393 · Miami

Roberts County

Population 837 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Roberts County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Roberts County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Roberts County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Roberts County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Roberts County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Roberts County (county seat Miami, TX) is one of the smallest-population counties in Texas in the Texas Panhandle. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/roberts-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ROBERTSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #120* · FIPS 48395 · Franklin

Robertson County

Population 17,659 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Robertson County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Robertson County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Robertson County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Robertson County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Robertson County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Robertson County is a rural Central Texas county between Bryan-College Station and Waco. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/robertson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ROCKWALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #996* · FIPS 48397 · Rockwall

Rockwall County

Population 110,631 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas state law allows cottage food from home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect. Rockwall County follows state baseline. Rockwall is a fast-growing Dallas suburb.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Rockwall County and city of Rockwall may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955. No specific county-level details found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Texas law prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except for immediate/serious threats to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas state law allows cottage food from home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect. Rockwall County follows state baseline. Rockwall is a fast-growing Dallas suburb.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory training or certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Texas law prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except for immediate/serious threats to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Rockwall County and city of Rockwall may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955. No specific county-level details found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online/delivery allowed. \$150,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Rockwall County is the smallest Texas county by area but one of the fastest-growing; it is part of Dallas metro. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/rockwall-county-discuss>

TEXAS: RUNNELS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #119* · FIPS 48399 · Ballinger

Runnels County

Population 9,751 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Runnels County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Runnels County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Runnels County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Runnels County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Runnels County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Runnels County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Ballinger) in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/runnels-county-discuss>

TEXAS: RUSK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #902* · FIPS 48401 · Henderson

Rusk County

Population 52,755 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (amended by SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific TX or Rusk County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Rusk County is an East Texas county (Henderson, near Kilgore oil fields). Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Rusk County government or City of Henderson for home occupation/business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific TX or Rusk County restriction.

WATER SUPPLY No formal requirement.

HANDWASHING No formal requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS products. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/frozen treats, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Varies — Rusk County is an East Texas county (Henderson, near Kilgore oil fields). Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Rusk County government or City of Henderson for home occupation/business license requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP Yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct and some indirect sales. Online orders permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME TX statute does not specify a cap.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; no Rusk County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Rusk County is in the Piney Woods of East Texas. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State TX baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/rusk-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SABINE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #118* · FIPS 48403 · Hemphill

Sabine County

Population 10,058 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sabine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sabine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sabine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sabine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sabine County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sabine County is a rural East Texas county on the Sabine River bordering Louisiana (county seat Hemphill). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/sabine-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #117* · FIPS 48405 · San Augustine

San Augustine County

Population 7,767 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Augustine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Augustine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Augustine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Augustine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Augustine County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Augustine County is a rural East Texas county (county seat San Augustine) in the Pineywoods region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/san-augustine-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SAN JACINTO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #116* · FIPS 48407 · Coldspring

San Jacinto County

Population 29,326 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Jacinto County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Jacinto County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Jacinto County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Jacinto County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Jacinto County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Jacinto County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Coldspring) north of Houston near Lake Livingston. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/san-jacinto-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1021* · FIPS 48409 · Sinton

San Patricio County

Population 68,942 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limited indirect sales at designated venues.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. San Patricio County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Sinton has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limited indirect sales at designated venues.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. San Patricio County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Sinton has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Great-tier state with \$150,000 cap. San Patricio County is in South Texas Coastal Bend region. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/san-patricio-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SAN SABA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #115* · FIPS 48411 · San Saba

San Saba County

Population 5,508 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Saba County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Saba County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Saba County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Saba County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Saba County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Saba County is a rural Central Texas Hill Country county known for pecans (county seat San Saba). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/san-saba-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SCHLEICHER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #114* · FIPS 48413 · Eldorado

Schleicher County

Population 2,302 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Schleicher County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Schleicher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Schleicher County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Schleicher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Schleicher County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Schleicher County is a sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Eldorado) on the Edwards Plateau. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/schleicher-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SCURRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #112* · FIPS 48415 · Snyder

Scurry County

Population 16,211 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Scurry County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Scurry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Scurry County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Scurry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Scurry County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Scurry County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Snyder) in the Rolling Plains oil-producing region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/scurry-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SHACKELFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #103* · FIPS 48417 · Albany

Shackelford County

Population 3,169 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shackelford County is a small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shackelford County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shackelford County is a small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shackelford County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Shackelford County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Shackelford County is a small rural West Texas county (county seat Albany). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/shackelford-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SHELBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #111* · FIPS 48419 · Center

Shelby County

Population 24,192 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shelby County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shelby County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shelby County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shelby County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Shelby County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Shelby County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Center) in the Pineywoods region bordering Louisiana. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/shelby-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SHERMAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #110* · FIPS 48421 · Stratford

Sherman County

Population 2,771 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sherman County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sherman County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sherman County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sherman County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sherman County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sherman County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Stratford) on the Oklahoma border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/sherman-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SMITH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #488* · FIPS 48423 · Tyler

Smith County

Population 234,667 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Smith County and Tyler may require home occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Smith County and City of Tyler may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Tyler Planning Department or Smith County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen'. Smith County and Tyler may require home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Smith County and City of Tyler may require home occupation permit or business license. Check with Tyler Planning Department or Smith County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; Smith County/Tyler zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Smith County TX (Tyler) follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.smith-county.com>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/smith-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SOMERVELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #109* · FIPS 48425 · Glen Rose

Somervell County

Population 10,098 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Somervell County is one of the smallest Texas counties by area, a rural county near Fort Worth with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Somervell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Somervell County is one of the smallest Texas counties by area, a rural county near Fort Worth with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Somervell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Somervell County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Somervell County is a small rural North Texas county (county seat Glen Rose, home to Dinosaur Valley State Park) southwest of Fort Worth. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/somervell-county-discuss>

TEXAS: STARR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #85* · FIPS 48427 · Rio Grande City

Starr County

Population 65,716 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (as amended by SB 541, 2025) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of the operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific statutory prohibition; food handler training covers safe practices

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food production in homes. No local permit required for cottage food. Business registration with Texas Secretary of State and sales tax compliance may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations. DSHS/local may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of the operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to inspect or require permits. Food handler certification required. Annual sales cap \$150,000.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory prohibition; food handler training covers safe practices
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required; prohibited foods include meat, poultry, seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations. DSHS/local may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law expressly prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from banning cottage food production in homes. No local permit required for cottage food. Business registration with Texas Secretary of State and sales tax compliance may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed (SB 541 added cottage food vendors for wholesale). Sales at home, farmers markets, events, and retail stores permitted. No restriction on delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under TX cottage food law

Relevant county code

Texas law preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas SB 541 (2025) raised sales cap to \$150,000 and expanded allowable foods. Starr County is a border county with Rio Grande City as seat. Texas law expressly preempts local restrictions on cottage food home production. Health departments have no inspection authority. Food handler cert required. No county-specific restrictions found. County URLs all blank in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/starr-county-discuss>

TEXAS: STEPHENS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #108* · FIPS 48429 · Breckenridge

Stephens County

Population 9,475 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stephens County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stephens County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stephens County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stephens County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Stephens County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Stephens County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Breckenridge) on the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/stephens-county-discuss>

TEXAS: STERLING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #107* · FIPS 48431 · Sterling City

Sterling County

Population 1,387 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sterling County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sterling County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sterling County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sterling County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sterling County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sterling County is one of the smallest-population counties in Texas (county seat Sterling City) in the Concho Valley of West Texas. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/sterling-county-discuss>

TEXAS: STONEWALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #106* · FIPS 48433 · Aspermont

Stonewall County

Population 1,235 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stonewall County is a very sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stonewall County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stonewall County is a very sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stonewall County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Stonewall County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Stonewall County is a very sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Aspermont) in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/stonewall-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SUTTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #105* · FIPS 48435 · Sonora

Sutton County

Population 3,269 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sutton County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sutton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sutton County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sutton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sutton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sutton County is a sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Sonora) on the Edwards Plateau. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/sutton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: SWISHER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #104* · FIPS 48437 · Tulia

Swisher County

Population 6,877 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Swisher County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Swisher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Swisher County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Swisher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Swisher County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Swisher County is a rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Tulia) south of Amarillo. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/swisher-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TARRANT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #986* · FIPS 48439 · Fort Worth

Tarrant County

Population 2,113,854 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Tarrant County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority exists for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities within Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Arlington, and others) may have their own home occupation permit requirements. Texas municipal zoning ordinances may not prohibit the use of a home for cottage food production (state preemption).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (No Tarrant County-level home occupation permit requirement for unincorporated areas. Cities within Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Arlington, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements. Arlington requires health permits for food businesses generally but cottage food operations are exempt under state law.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority for CFPOs.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Tarrant County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority exists for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities within Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Arlington, and others) may have their own home occupation permit requirements. Texas municipal zoning ordinances may not prohibit the use of a home for cottage food production (state preemption).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority for CFPOs.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — No Tarrant County-level home occupation permit requirement for unincorporated areas. Cities within Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Arlington, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements. Arlington requires health permits for food businesses generally but cottage food operations are exempt under state law.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery, and cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025). Annual gross income cap \$150,000. Starting Sept 2025, operators selling TCS foods must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — state preemption applies; Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Tarrant County follows state baseline. Texas SB 541 (2025) significantly expanded the program: raised cap to \$150,000, allowed TCS food sales with delivery, created cottage food vendor intermediary role, added nonprofits as eligible operators. Arlington (in Tarrant County) has its own health permit program but cottage food operations are explicitly exempt from food service establishment requirements under state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html>

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/tarrant-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TAYLOR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #968* · FIPS 48441 · Abilene

Taylor County

Population 143,029 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (raised to \$150,000 by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not prohibited by state law. Kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Taylor County (unincorporated areas) zoning code may have home occupation provisions. The City of Abilene has a separate home occupation ordinance. Texas state law provides strong preemption of local health regulations for cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules may still apply for residential business use.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health; no routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (raised to \$150,000 by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. Health departments have no regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state law. Kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific testing mandate for cottage food producers.
HANDWASHING	Required per general food safety good practices; no state-mandated facility standard for cottage food operations.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Products stored in sealed, food-safe containers. Temperature-controlled storage not required for cottage food products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health; no routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Taylor County (unincorporated areas) zoning code may have home occupation provisions. The City of Abilene has a separate home occupation ordinance. Texas state law provides strong preemption of local health regulations for cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules may still apply for residential business use.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted from home, at farmers markets, events, online, and third-party delivery. Texas allows indirect sales to restaurants and retail with restrictions. All sales must be within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Taylor County, TX zoning ordinance (unincorporated areas); City of Abilene home occupation regulations.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TX) confirmed: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001, \$150,000 cap per SB 541 (2025). County govt URL provided (taylorcountytexas.org) but specific cottage food or home occupation provisions not independently retrieved. Abilene is the county seat and a mid-sized city with its own rules. Texas cottage food law strongly preempts local health authority; zoning home occupation may still apply. Confidence medium — county website confirmed but specific ordinance provisions not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.taylorcountytexas.org>

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

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

<https://www.taylorcountytexas.org>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/taylor-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TERRELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #122* · FIPS 48443 · Sanderson

Terrell County

Population 718 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terrell County is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terrell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terrell County is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terrell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Terrell County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Terrell County is one of the most remote and sparsely populated counties in Texas (county seat Sanderson) in the Trans-Pecos region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/terrell-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TERRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #123* · FIPS 48445 · Brownfield

Terry County

Population 11,602 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terry County is a rural South Plains county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terry County is a rural South Plains county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Terry County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Terry County is a rural South Plains county (county seat Brownfield) in the Lubbock metro area hinterland. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: THROCKMORTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #124* · FIPS 48447 · Throckmorton

Throckmorton County

Population 1,532 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Throckmorton County is a very small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Throckmorton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Throckmorton County is a very small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Throckmorton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Throckmorton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Throckmorton County is a very small rural North Texas county (county seat Throckmorton). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/throckmorton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TITUS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #125* · FIPS 48449 · Mount Pleasant

Titus County

Population 31,547 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Titus County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Titus County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Titus County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Titus County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Titus County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Titus County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Mount Pleasant) between Texarkana and Dallas. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/titus-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TOM GREEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1007* · FIPS 48451 · San Angelo

Tom Green County

Population 119,276 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Tom Green County follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Tom Green County and the city of San Angelo may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Tom Green County follows state baseline.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory training or certification for Texas cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Tom Green County and the city of San Angelo may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law requires compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online sales and delivery allowed. Products may not be sold at wholesale. \$150,000 annual cap as of SB 541 (2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) raised cap to \$150,000. Tom Green County includes San Angelo (pop ~100K). No county-specific URLs provided in input. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/tom-green-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TRAVIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #448* · FIPS 48453 · —

Travis County

Population 1,289,054 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Travis County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food. City of Austin requires no food permit for cottage food operations under state law, but operators should check with Austin’s Development Services Department for any zoning ordinance impacts. Unincorporated Travis County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones, with a home occupation permit required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Unincorporated Travis County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses; businesses must be secondary to residential use. Cities within Travis County (Austin, Pflugerville, Lakeway, Manor) have their own rules. Austin specifically states cottage food operators do not need a City of Austin food permit, but should verify zoning and other local ordinances with Austin’s Development Services Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority for CFPOs.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Travis County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food. City of Austin requires no food permit for cottage food operations under state law, but operators should check with Austin’s Development Services Department for any zoning ordinance impacts. Unincorporated Travis County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones, with a home occupation permit required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority for CFPOs.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Unincorporated Travis County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses; businesses must be secondary to residential use. Cities within Travis County (Austin, Pflugerville, Lakeway, Manor) have their own rules. Austin specifically states cottage food operators do not need a City of Austin food permit, but should verify zoning and other local ordinances with Austin’s Development Services Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Starting Sept 2025, TCS food sellers must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — state preemption applies for cottage food; Travis County home occupation permit for unincorporated areas

RESEARCH NOTES

Travis County is dominated by the City of Austin. Austin confirms CFPOs do not need a City food permit under state preemption. However, Austin operators should check zoning and other ordinances with Austin’s Development Services Department. Texas SB 541 (2025) significantly expanded the program: cap raised to \$150,000, TCS foods allowed with delivery, cottage food vendor intermediaries created.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.traviscountytx.gov>

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

- <https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/travis-county-tx>

- https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Health/Environmental/RevisedSite/startingfoodbus_2-29-16.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/travis-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TRINITY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #142* · FIPS 48455 · Groveton

Trinity County

Population 14,489 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Trinity County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Trinity County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Trinity County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Trinity County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Trinity County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Trinity County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Groveton) in the Pineywoods region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/trinity-county-discuss>

TEXAS: TYLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #141* · FIPS 48457 · Woodville

Tyler County

Population 20,560 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Tyler County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Tyler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Tyler County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Tyler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Tyler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Tyler County is a rural East Texas Pineywoods county (county seat Woodville) known for Big Thicket National Preserve. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/tyler-county-discuss>

TEXAS: UPSHUR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #140* · FIPS 48459 · Gilmer

Upshur County

Population 44,050 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upshur County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upshur County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upshur County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upshur County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Upshur County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Upshur County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Gilmer) between Tyler and Texarkana. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: UPTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #139* · FIPS 48461 · Rankin

Upton County

Population 3,128 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upton County is a sparsely populated West Texas oil-producing county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upton County is a sparsely populated West Texas oil-producing county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Upton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Upton County is a sparsely populated West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Rankin) known for oil production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/upton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: UVALDE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #138* · FIPS 48463 · Uvalde

Uvalde County

Population 25,138 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Uvalde County is a rural South Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Uvalde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Uvalde County is a rural South Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Uvalde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Uvalde County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Uvalde County is a rural South Texas county (county seat Uvalde) on the Balcones Escarpment, known for honey production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: VAL VERDE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #135* · FIPS 48465 · Del Rio

Val Verde County

Population 47,999 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Val Verde County is a border county with Del Rio as its county seat; the county has no county zoning code for unincorporated areas; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Val Verde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Val Verde County is a border county with Del Rio as its county seat; the county has no county zoning code for unincorporated areas; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Val Verde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Val Verde County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Val Verde County is a border county (county seat Del Rio) on the Rio Grande across from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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TEXAS: VAN ZANDT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1061* · FIPS 48467 · Canton

Van Zandt County

Population 60,053 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Van Zandt County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Canton may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health; no routine or complaint inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health; no routine or complaint inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Van Zandt County is largely unincorporated; county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Canton may have home occupation rules within city limits. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost all channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a 'cottage food vendor' intermediary (SB 541, 2025). No wholesale to restaurants or distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Van Zandt County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Van Zandt County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.) applies with one of the highest annual caps (\$150,000 per SB 541, 2025) and broadest food lists in the nation. Van Zandt County is a rural East Texas county; unincorporated areas have minimal local restrictions. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/van-zandt-county-discuss>

TEXAS: VICTORIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #956* · FIPS 48469 · Victoria

Victoria County

Population 91,209 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Victoria County (Victoria, South Texas coastal bend area) is a mid-size county. No county-wide cottage food home occupation permit identified. City of Victoria may have home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent immediate serious threat.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Victoria County (Victoria, South Texas coastal bend area) is a mid-size county. No county-wide cottage food home occupation permit identified. City of Victoria may have home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online, home delivery, farmers markets, events, retail stores all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Victoria County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Victoria County-specific cottage food rules found. Victoria County is in the South Texas coastal bend region. Texas is among the most permissive states; no local government inspection authority over cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/victoria-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WALKER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #485* · FIPS 48471 · Huntsville

Walker County

Population 77,182 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause limits local interference.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law does not require a home occupation permit. The home-based business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Walker County and the City of Huntsville may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Walker County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause limits local interference.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law does not require a home occupation permit. The home-based business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Walker County and the City of Huntsville may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Walker County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No registration, permit, or inspection required. May sell directly and indirectly (limited wholesale). Online sales and delivery permitted. SB 541 (2025) added nonprofit operators and created 'cottage food vendor' intermediary.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; §559.955 (home-based business rules). No Walker County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) is one of the most permissive. \$150,000 annual cap (2025, SB 541). No permit or inspection. Local governments cannot restrict under the state preemption unless through home-based business rules (§559.955). No Walker County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/walker-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WALLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1055* · FIPS 48473 · Hempstead

Waller County

Population 57,463 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Waller County is partially suburban (near Houston metro); county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Hempstead and other incorporated areas may have home occupation rules. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law is highly permissive. No registration, no license, no inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross income cap (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No local health department inspection authority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Waller County is partially suburban (near Houston metro); county zoning is limited in Texas. City of Hempstead and other incorporated areas may have home occupation rules. Operators in unincorporated areas generally face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost all channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a 'cottage food vendor' intermediary (SB 541, 2025). No wholesale to restaurants or distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Waller County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Waller County. Texas cottage food law applies. Waller County is northwest of Houston in the rapidly growing Houston metro area (Prairie View A&M University is in this county). The proximity to Houston means some suburban incorporated areas may have home occupation rules. Prohibited items: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/waller-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #113* · FIPS 48475 · Monahans

Ward County

Population 11,038 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Ward County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Ward County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Ward County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Ward County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Ward County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ward County is a West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Monahans) known for Monahans Sandhills State Park. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/ward-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #126* · FIPS 48477 · Brenham

Washington County

Population 37,810 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Washington County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Washington County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Washington County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Washington County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Washington County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County is a rural Central Texas county (county seat Brenham, home of Blue Bell Creameries and Bluebell Ice Cream). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/washington-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WEBB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #460* · FIPS 48479 · Laredo

Webb County

Population 267,282 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and producer's name/address. No state preemption of local zoning but health departments cannot regulate cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Webb County and City of Laredo may require a home occupation permit or general business license under local zoning. Texas cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. Producers in Laredo should check with the City of Laredo Development Services.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life; no routine inspection authority)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and producer's name/address. No state preemption of local zoning but health departments cannot regulate cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state; basic food safety practices recommended
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life; no routine inspection authority
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Webb County and City of Laredo may require a home occupation permit or general business license under local zoning. Texas cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. Producers in Laredo should check with the City of Laredo Development Services.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales allowed. May sell at farmers markets, online, home delivery. Third-party delivery platforms allowed. Wholesale to distributors not permitted. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework (SB 541, 2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; Webb County/City of Laredo zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Webb County is heavily Hispanic/Latino border county with Laredo as county seat. Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) applies statewide; \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Webb County may have a general business license requirement. Confidence medium — Texas state law confirmed but no specific Webb County .gov source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.webbcountytx.gov>

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/webb-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WHARTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #127* · FIPS 48481 · Wharton

Wharton County

Population 42,035 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wharton County is a rural Gulf Coast Prairies county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wharton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wharton County is a rural Gulf Coast Prairies county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wharton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wharton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wharton County is a rural Gulf Coast Prairies county (county seat Wharton) southwest of Houston, a major rice-farming region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wharton-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WHEELER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #129* · FIPS 48483 · Wheeler

Wheeler County

Population 4,824 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wheeler County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wheeler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wheeler County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wheeler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wheeler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wheeler County is a rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Wheeler) on the Oklahoma border east of Amarillo. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wheeler-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WICHITA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1016* · FIPS 48485 · Wichita Falls

Wichita County

Population 129,584 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

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.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wichita-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WILBARGER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #130* · FIPS 48487 · Vernon

Wilbarger County

Population 12,455 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wilbarger County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wilbarger County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wilbarger County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wilbarger County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wilbarger County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wilbarger County is a rural North Texas county (county seat Vernon) on the Red River near the Oklahoma border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wilbarger-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WILLACY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #131* · FIPS 48489 · Raymondville

Willacy County

Population 20,027 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Willacy County is a rural Rio Grande Valley county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Willacy County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Willacy County is a rural Rio Grande Valley county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Willacy County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Willacy County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Willacy County is a rural Rio Grande Valley county (county seat Raymondville) in deep South Texas near the Gulf Coast. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/willacy-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #452* · FIPS 48491 · Georgetown

Williamson County

Population 617,396 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No TCS foods without registration (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification required. Local public health entities may NOT regulate production or require permits/fees for direct-to-consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. Williamson County unincorporated areas: no county-level cottage food permit required. Cities within county (Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park, Leander) may have home occupation permit requirements in residential zones. Check with specific city for zoning rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations or require fees)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No TCS foods without registration (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification required. Local public health entities may NOT regulate production or require permits/fees for direct-to-consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food handler certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must not be adulterated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations or require fees
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Texas preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. Williamson County unincorporated areas: no county-level cottage food permit required. Cities within county (Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park, Leander) may have home occupation permit requirements in residential zones. Check with specific city for zoning rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-TCS: direct sales at home, farmers markets, online/mail/delivery, third-party platforms, roadside stands within \$150,000 annual cap. TCS foods require DSHS registration (SB 541, effective Sept 2025). Interstate online sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025) for TCS registration

RESEARCH NOTES

Same Texas state baseline as Montgomery County TX. Williamson County is a fast-growing Austin suburb. State law preempts local health-department regulation of cottage food. No Williamson County-specific cottage food overlay found. Cities (Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park, etc.) each maintain their own home occupation zoning provisions. Confidence medium: state law confirmed; city-level zoning details not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wilcotx.gov>

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

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/williamson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WILSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #487* · FIPS 48493 · Floresville

Wilson County

Population 50,381 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Wilson County cottage food ordinances found. City of Floresville may have local business license requirements. Wilson County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Wilson County and City of Floresville.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license, inspection, or registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Wilson County cottage food ordinances found. City of Floresville may have local business license requirements. Wilson County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Wilson County and City of Floresville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Wilson County is adjacent to Bexar County (San Antonio). No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wilson-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WINKLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #132* · FIPS 48495 · Kermit

Winkler County

Population 7,381 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Winkler County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Winkler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Winkler County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Winkler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Winkler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Winkler County is a West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Kermit) on the New Mexico border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/winkler-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WISE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1038* · FIPS 48497 · Decatur

Wise County

Population 70,062 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No food handler cert required. No state registration required. Annual sales cap \$150,000. No TCS foods. Indirect sales allowed at limited venues (farmers markets, roadside stands, flea markets). No wholesale to distributors.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Wise County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Decatur has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No food handler cert required. No state registration required. Annual sales cap \$150,000. No TCS foods. Indirect sales allowed at limited venues (farmers markets, roadside stands, flea markets). No wholesale to distributors.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Wise County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Decatur has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery and third-party sales at designated venues permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Great-tier state with \$150,000 cap. No county-specific sources available. Wise County is a rural/exurban county in North Texas. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wise-county-discuss>

TEXAS: WOOD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #133* · FIPS 48499 · Quitman

Wood County

Population 48,742 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wood County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wood County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wood County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wood County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wood County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wood County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Quitman) between Tyler and Texarkana, known for Lake Fork. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/wood-county-discuss>

TEXAS: YOAKUM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #134* · FIPS 48501 · Plains

Yoakum County

Population 7,581 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Yoakum County is a South Plains county on the New Mexico border with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Yoakum County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Yoakum County is a South Plains county on the New Mexico border with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Yoakum County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Yoakum County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Yoakum County is a South Plains county (county seat Plains) on the Texas-New Mexico border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/yoakum-county-discuss>

TEXAS: YOUNG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #136* · FIPS 48503 · Graham

Young County

Population 18,236 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Young County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Young County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Young County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Young County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Young County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Young County is a rural North Texas county (county seat Graham) on the Brazos River in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/young-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ZAPATA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #137* · FIPS 48505 · Zapata

Zapata County

Population 13,819 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zapata County is a border county on Falcon Lake with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zapata County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zapata County is a border county on Falcon Lake with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zapata County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Zapata County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Zapata County is a South Texas border county (county seat Zapata) on Falcon Reservoir on the Rio Grande. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/zapata-county-discuss>

TEXAS: ZAVALA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #167* · FIPS 48507 · Crystal City

Zavala County

Population 9,209 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zavala County is a rural South Texas Winter Garden region county with no county zoning code; state law governs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zavala County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zavala County is a rural South Texas Winter Garden region county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zavala County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Zavala County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Zavala County is a rural South Texas county (county seat Crystal City) in the Winter Garden region, known for spinach production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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Questions?

Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Texas cottage food rules, county zoning overlays, and what other home bakers are seeing in your area.

<https://crosodo.com/nb/texas-discuss>