

## **Texas Cottage Food Law**

The Market allows vendors to purchase booths in the Cottage Food / Farmer's Market area and serve certain food products with the understanding that these vendors are following the Texas Department of State Health Services laws and regulations.

It is a vendor's responsibility to make sure they qualify for this privilege. Please verify that your booth, processes, and product(s) comply with the law before purchasing a booth space. Vendors who fail to comply with these laws or regulations may be dismissed from the market. Visit the following websites for more information about [Cottage Food Production Operations](#) and [Farmer's Markets](#) in Texas.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The following links to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents are from the Texas Department of State Health Services website for [Cottage Food Production Operations](#) and [Farmer's Markets](#). They are intended to serve as a resource for Cottage Food & Farmer's Market vendors. The FAQ documents are not meant to be all inclusive or to replace any new State Law or regulation. Vendors are solely responsible for ensuring that they comply with all laws, rules, and regulations set forth by the State and municipality.

## **Food Samples**

Cottage Food and Farmer's Market vendors may provide samples as outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In general, vendors may serve samples of food if:

- Samples are served in a sanitary manner;
- Served while wearing clean or disposable plastic gloves and observes proper hand washing techniques prior to preparing the samples;
- Produce is washed in potable water to remove debris;
- Potable water is available for use;
- Potentially hazardous food is maintained properly and disposed of within two (2) hours of preparing;
- Utensils and surfaces are smooth, non-absorbent, and clean or disposed of.

For a complete list of applicable rules associated with providing samples, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services websites for Cottage Food Production Operations and Farmer's Markets.