



Want to be able to buy farm-fresh (raw) milk?

Texans can legally buy raw milk from licensed Texas dairies. But the government requires consumers to drive to the farm – which may be 2 or 3 hours away – to get it. **A Texas farmer recently had his license suspended for delivering to a private home.** The law burdens consumers, and it penalizes family farmers who are unfairly prevented from marketing their milk.

Help Make Raw Milk Sales Legal at Farmer Markets, Drop Points, and Through Delivery!

HB 46: Facts About the Bill

- Does only **one** thing: removes the on-farm restriction on the sale of Grade A raw milk. Would allow licensed farmers to sell raw milk at farmers markets and through delivery arrangements.
- Makes **no other change** to the existing health and safety regulations for raw milk that have been successful in protecting the public's health in Texas.
- Sales will continue to be limited to direct-to-consumer transactions, as they are currently. The bill does **not** allow sales of raw milk in grocery stores.



Many Advantages to HB 46

- Improves the safety of raw dairy by allowing producers to transport it to consumers under safe conditions, rather than relying on consumers to remember to take coolers and ice.
- By allowing a producer to make a single trip to serve multiple customers, rather than having each customer drive to the farm, the bill reduces vehicle miles, benefiting air quality, traffic congestion, and public safety.
- Benefits rural economies because direct farm-to-consumer sales of raw milk can mean the difference between a net loss on the farm and a reasonable income for the farm family.
- Addresses the consumer demand for high-quality raw milk by making it available at farmers markets and through home delivery.

What can you do? Call your State Representative and ask him or her to Co-AUTHOR HB 46

Find out who your legislators are: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us / Capitol Switchboard 512-463-4630

Go to www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk for more info & free email alerts

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TAKE ACTION

The legislators need to hear from YOU! **The chance of HB 46 passing this session depends heavily on the voice of Texas local foods consumers.** It only takes a few minutes to contact your legislator, and it really does make a difference. Here are some helpful steps:

1. You can **find out who your legislators are** at www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us or by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 512-463-4630. The Switchboard can connect you directly to their offices.
2. **Call your State Representative.** Message: “Hi, my name is ____ and I am a constituent. I am calling to urge Representative ____ to **co-author** HB 46, to legalize the sale of raw milk at farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer options. Do you know where he/she stands on this bill?”

If the staffer says they don’t know (which is common), say: “I would appreciate it if you would call me back after talking with the Representative. This issue is very important to me and my family.”

The Representatives listed below are on the Calendars Committee. **Their vote will determine whether this bill moves forward or dies without being voted on. Please make a special effort to call if you are in one of these districts** (note that the zip codes are often “split” among multiple districts):

Representative	Area or Zip Codes Represented	Phone Number
Todd Hunter – Chair	Part of Nueces County: 78343, 78373, 78401, 78404, 78407, 78411, 78412, 78413, 78414, 78415, 78417, 78418, 78419	512-463-0672
Eddie Lucio III – Vice Chair	Part of Cameron County: 78520, 78521, 78526, 78550, 78552, 78559, 78566, 78575, 78583, 78586	512-463-0606
Roberto Alonzo	Part of Dallas County: 75050, 75051, 75052, 75060, 75203, 75208, 75211, 75212, 75216, 75224, 75233	512-463-0408
Carol Alvarado	Part of Harris County: 77002, 77003, 77007, 77009, 77011, 77012, 77017, 77023, 77026, 77034, 77087, 77089, 77504, 77587	512-463-0732
Dan Branch	Part of Dallas County: 75201, 75202, 75204, 75205, 75206, 75209, 75214, 75219, 75220, 75223, 75225, 75226, 75230, 75231, 75246	512-463-0367
Angie Chen Button	Part of Dallas County: 75040, 75042, 75044, 75048, 75080, 75081, 75082, 75089, 75098, 75243	512-463-0486
Byron Cook	Anderson, Freestone, Hill, and Navarro Counties	512-463-0730
Myra Crownover	Part of Denton County: 75065, 76201, 76205, 76207, 76208, 76210, 76226, 76227, 76234, 76249, 76258, 76259, 76266	512-463-0582
Sarah Davis	Part of Harris County: 77002, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 019, 024, 025, 027, 030, 046, 056, 057, 081, 096, 098, 401	512-463-0389
Craig Eiland	Chambers County, Part of Galveston County: 77510, 77518, 77539, 77550, 77551, 77554, 77563, 77568, 77573, 77590, 77591, 77650	512-463-0502
John Frullo	Part of Lubbock County: 79401, 79403, 79404, 79407, 79409, 79410, 79411, 79412, 79413, 79414, 79415, 79416, 79423, 79424	512-463-0676
Charlie Geren	Part of Tarrant County: 76020, 76052, 76071, 76107, 76108, 76114, 76116, 76127, 76131, 76135, 76179	512-463-0610
Helen Giddings	Part of Dallas County: 75104, 75115, 75125, 75134, 75141, 75146, 75154, 75159, 75172, 75180, 75216, 75217, 75232, 75241, 75249, 75253	512-463-0953
Edmund Kuempel	Guadalupe and Wilson Counties	512-463-0602
Doug Miller	Comal, Gillespie, and Kendall Counties	512-463-0325

3. Then, **call your State Senator** and ask him or her to support HB 46 when it comes to the Senate.