



# 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. **Texas farmers have had their licenses suspended for delivering to private homes.** 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 and Through Delivery!

## HB 91: 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 91

- 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?

- 1) Ask your State Representative to Co-AUTHOR HB 91
- 2) Ask your State Senator to SPONSOR a companion bill

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

Go to [www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk](http://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 91 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](http://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.**

- Ask to speak to the staffer who handles food or agricultural issues.
- Message: “Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent. I am calling to urge Representative \_\_\_\_ to **co-author** HB 91, to legalize the sale of raw milk at farmers markets and through delivery. Do you know where he/she stands on this bill?”

3. Then, **call your State Senator.**

- Again, ask to speak to the staffer who handles food or agricultural issues.
- Message: ““Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent. I am calling to urge Senator \_\_\_\_ **to file a companion bill to HB 91**, to legalize the sale of raw milk at farmers markets and through delivery. Do you know where he/she stands on this bill?”

○A “companion bill” is the term for when a legislator files the exact same bill in another chamber. You’re simply asking your Senator to file a copy of HB 91 in the Senate. This is important because it gives the bill a better chance to pass!

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

**You can also offer to send them materials about the bill via email.** Download our fact sheet at [www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk](http://www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk) or email [Judith@FarmAndRanchFreedom.org](mailto:Judith@FarmAndRanchFreedom.org) and we’ll follow up.