



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 / Capitol Switchboard 512-463-4630

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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 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 or email Judith@FarmAndRanchFreedom.org and we’ll follow up.