
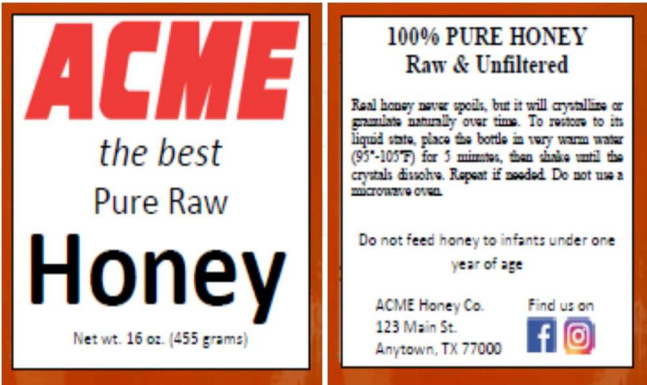




Label Requirements for Selling Honey in Texas

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Beekeeper Honey Producer	
Pure, Raw Honey	Flavored/Infused Honey
<p>Example: Minimum requirements using one front label (Do not feed honey to infants statement is recommended, but not required.)</p>  <p>Example: Front and Back labels</p> 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>➤ Chapter 431 Sec. 431.082(f)(1) https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm#431.082</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the Beekeeper/Business and place of business (primary or secondary activities farm), which for most of us is the address of our apiary or our home. A PO box, email address, or website do not meet the requirement. net weight statement on the front label <p>➤ Chapter 431 Sec. 431.181(d)(3)(A) https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm#431.181</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> common name of the food (Honey, Pure Honey, Raw Honey, etc.) <p>➤ Section 4 of the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/rules/rulemaking-regulatory-reform-proceedings/fair-packaging-labeling-act-regulations-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> net quantity of contents in terms of weight in both metric and pound units. <p>Requirements must be on a label affixed to the container. A tie-on tag is <u>not</u> permitted for label requirements, but can be used for non-required information.</p> <p>A voluntary warning statement is recommended due to the chance an infant could contract Infant Botulism after ingesting honey. The statement commonly used is: Do not feed honey to infants under 1 year of age.</p>	

Cottage Food Operator

Pure, Raw Honey

Flavored/Infused Honey

You can sell pure honey under Cottage Food, but if you are a Beekeeper you can sell under Beekeeper Honey Producer, which is less restrictive.

If you add anything to the honey, it is no longer pure honey. It must be sold under Cottage Food or Licensed Food Manufacturer.

Example: One front label



Example: Front and Back labels



➤ TAC §229.661 Cottage Food Production Operations http://txrules.elaws.us/rule/title25_chapter229_sec.229.661

(d) Packaging and label requirements

(1) The label information shall include:

(A) the name and physical address of the cottage food production operation;

(B) the common or usual name of the product;

(C) if a food is made with a major food allergen, such as eggs, nuts, soy, peanuts, milk or wheat that ingredient must be listed on the label; and

(D) the following statement: "This food is made in a home kitchen and is not inspected by the Department of State Health Services or a local health department."

(2) Labels must be legible.

AND

➤ Texas Agricultural Code, Title 6, Chapter 131 Bees and Honey <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.131.htm#E>.

- If the label uses the words "honey," "liquid honey," "extracted honey," "strained honey," or "pure honey" to identify the product, it must be 100% pure honey.
- If the label uses a picture or drawing of a bee, hive, or comb, and the contents resembles honey, the contents must be 100% pure honey.
- The product must bear a label with a list of ingredients; and the word Honey cannot be larger or more prominent than the other words in the name or list of ingredients.

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Licensed Food Manufacturer

Pure, Raw Honey

Example: Front label



Example: Front and Back labels



Flavored/Infused Honey

Example: Front and Back labels



- Common usual name of product
- Name and Address of Manufacturer
- Net quantity of contents including metric measurements. Net quantity of contents must be separated from other text on the label and must be located in the bottom third of the label.
- An ingredient statement is not required for pure honey

When you start adding ingredients, the label requirements become more complicated. I recommend you read and follow the requirements on the DSHS website, *Labeling - Food Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Warehouses* and the FDA's *Guidance for Industry: Proper Labeling of Honey and Honey Products*.

Ingredient statement → INGREDIENTS: Honey, Cinnamon.

If the consumer commodity consists of two or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each ingredient listed in order of decreasing predominance.

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