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Wise Notes for Consumers

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Food Handler's Course

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Wise County provides a Food Protection Management Training Program that seeks to reduce the risk of food borne illness.

Food service employees and those who operate a cottage food business can attend a two hour **food handler's** class on **Thursday, October 18, 2018** from **2:00 pm to 4:30 pm** at the Wise County Extension office in Decatur to learn more about good personal hygiene, cross contamination and time and temperature abuse. The registration fee is \$20.00 and covers course materials and an official food handler card. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 16. Space is limited.

The Texas Cottage Food Law requires that anyone who operates a cottage food business have a food handler card. The food law allows the following list of foods that can be sold: baked goods, jams and jellies, dried herbs, pickles, popcorn snacks, candy, unroasted nut butters, and vinegar. These foods can also be sold at venues outside the home including farmers markets, roadside stands, and fairs.

For questions concerning the food handler class or the Texas Cottage Food Law please call 940/627-3341 or come by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's, Wise County Office, 206 S. State St., Decatur, Texas 76234. The Food Protection Management (FPM) Training Program is brought to you by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the County Commissioners Court Cooperating.

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