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Food law roundup

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- Texas legalizes sale of home-baked goods; “Mom can come out of hiding” [[KLTV](#); [@JohnWaggoner](#)] New York regulators order Greenmarket cheese vendors to stop custom-slicing wedges for customers [[Baylen Linnekin](#)]
- Children who take school lunch more likely to be obese than those who brown bag it [[Freddoso](#)] And is there still time to save chocolate milk? [[Boston Herald](#) on proposed Massachusetts school ban]
- “Obesity policy” in theory: “High-calorie food is too cheap” argument of NYT’s Leonhardt is open to doubt [[Josh Wright](#)] “Is obesity really contagious?” [[Zoë Pollock, The Dish](#)] Knives out among scientists debating food causes of obesity [[Trevor Butterworth, Forbes](#)] Feds look to regulate food similarly to tobacco in hope of saving money on health care [[Munro, Daily Caller](#)]
- ...and practice: “Calorie counts don’t change most people’s dining-out habits, experts say” [[WaPo](#), [Richer/WLF](#)] Obama nutrition campaign: eat as we say, not as we do [[The Hill](#)] Of recent USDA “recipes for healthy kids,” 12 of 15 would not have met proposed FTC ad standards [[WSJ](#)] Nanny’s comeuppance? “States rein in anti-obesity laws” [[WSJ Law Blog](#)]
- “Food safety chief defends raw milk raids” [[Carolyn Lochhead, SF Chronicle, earlier](#)]
- “It’s Time to End the War on Salt: The zealous drive by politicians to limit our salt intake has little basis in science” [[Melinda Wenner Moyer, Scientific American](#)]
- After talking with experts, NYT’s Mark Bittman [walks back](#) some assertions about the European e. coli outbreak, now blamed on Egyptian fenugreek seeds [[Science Mag](#); related, [Kolata/NYT](#)]
- “If anything, China’s food scandals are becoming increasingly frequent and bizarre.” [[LATimes](#)]
- Public criticism of activist food policy often calls forth a barrage of letters defending government role in diet. Ever wonder why? [[Prevention Institute](#) "rapid response" talking point campaign; [how taxpayers help](#)]

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