

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Arkansas

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021).

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A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)	Freedom	B+	75

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2026-05-05**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Arkansas Homemade Food Production Guidelines

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The Homemade Food Production Guide was developed to provide standards, guidelines, and consistent information for food vendors and regulators to provide fresh, safe, and quality food to the consumer. This Guide offers advice on food items that may be sold and conditions that must be met at the point of sale. All food manufactured, produced, processed, sold, or dispensed in the State of Arkansas must comply with the Arkansas Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and cannot be contaminated, adulterated, misbranded, or dishonestly presented. During the 93rd Session of the Arkansas General Assembly the Cottage Food Act (Act 399 of 2017) was removed and replaced by the Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021).

NO PERMIT REQUIRED — Homemade Non-TCS Foods

Act 1040 of 2021 (Food Freedom Act)

What is Homemade Non-TCS Food?

- Homemade Non-TCS Food is food or drink products that do not require refrigeration to prevent the growth of disease-causing microorganisms and are processed at the private residence of the producer. These products are exempt from ADH permitting and inspection requirements.

What is an "informed end consumer"?

- An "informed end consumer" is the last person to purchase a Homemade Non-TCS Food that cannot resell the product. An informed end consumer has been informed through appropriate labeling and signage that the Homemade Non-TCS Food product has not been regulated or inspected.

Where and how can Homemade Non-TCS Foods be sold?

- Homemade Non-TCS Foods can be sold direct to the informed consumer either in-person, by telephone, or online by the producer of the Homemade Non-TCS Food, by an agent of the producer (i.e. employee, friend, etc.), or by a third-party vendor (i.e. a retail shop or a grocery store).
- From a retail space located at the ranch, farm, home, or office where the Homemade Non-TCS Food is produced.
- At a retail location of a third-party vendor of the Homemade Non-TCS Food. Third-party vendors of Homemade Non-TCS Food who also sell food produced under state or federal inspection must keep the Homemade Non-TCS Foods separate from inspected products.
- Within the State of Arkansas or in another state if the seller complies with all federal laws. Homemade Non-TCS Food producers should contact the United States Food and Drug Administration as well as the state and local public health authorities prior to any sale out of state to ensure compliance with any applicable laws or regulations.
- Delivery of the product can be by the producer, agent of the producer, third-party vendor, or third-party carrier (mail, parcel post, etc.).
- NOTE: Homemade Non-TCS Foods cannot be sold to restaurants for use within the restaurant because Homemade Non-TCS Foods are not from approved sources.

Are Homemade Non-TCS Foods required to be labeled?

- While foods produced under the Food Freedom Act are exempted from ADH labeling requirements, the Act does require certain information to be provided to the informed end consumer by disclosing:
 - 1. The date that the Homemade Non-TCS Food was manufactured, produced, or processed.
 - 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the producer. Producers who do not wish to disclose this information for safety reasons may request an identification number provided by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture to be used instead of this information.
 - 3. The common or usual name of the food.
 - 4. The ingredients of the food in descending order of predominance.

- 5. The statement: "This product was produced in a private residence that is exempt from state licensing and inspection. This product may contain allergens."
- This information must be disclosed on a label affixed to the package or container if the product is offered for sale from a bulk container (with a separate written document containing all required disclosures provided to the consumer at the time of sale), or for products offered for sale online, the website must include the above labeling information and the package itself must be labeled.

What foods cannot be sold as Homemade Non-TCS Food?

- Any food that requires time and/or temperature control to prevent the growth of microorganisms that cause food borne illness. The following foods are considered Time/Temperature Control for Safety Foods (TCS Foods) and CANNOT be sold without a permit from ADH:
 - 1. A food of animal origin (meat, poultry, seafood, wild game, dairy) that is raw, or heat treated (cooked).
 - 2. A food of plant origin that is heat treated (except for foods specifically listed in Appendix A of this document).
 - 3. Raw seed sprouts.
 - 4. Cut leafy greens — Defined as: Fresh leafy greens whose leaves have been cut, shredded, sliced, chopped or torn. Leafy greens that have only been cut from their root in the field (often called a "harvest cut") with no further processing are not "Cut leafy greens". The term "leafy greens" does not include herbs such as cilantro or parsley.
 - 5. Cut or sliced fresh tomatoes.
 - 6. Cut or sliced melons.
 - 7. Garlic-in-oil mixtures.
 - 8. Or any food that because of the interaction of its water activity (aw) and pH values is designated as Product Assessment Required in Table A or B of the official guide.

Pickled Cucumbers and Other Acidified Vegetables

When are pickled cucumbers and acidified vegetables considered Homemade Non-TCS Food?

- Pickled cucumbers and other acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH of 4.6 or less are considered Homemade Non-TCS Food under Act 1040 of 2021 provided:
 - 1. The recipe is from a source approved by ADH (See Links in Appendix A); has been tested by an appropriately certified Food Process Authority who has confirmed the process will result in a product with a final equilibrium pH of 4.6 or less; or the producer tests each batch with a calibrated pH meter to confirm the finished product has an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or less. Only pH meters with a resolution of 0.1 pH units and an accuracy of +/- 0.1 pH units should be used.
 - 2. The product is labeled with a unique number for each batch (batch number).
 - 3. The producer maintains records that include: the batch number; the recipe used; the source of the recipe used or the pH of the batch as measured using a calibrated pH meter by the producer; and the date the batch was prepared.

Other Foods — No Permit Required

Raw Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

- Whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables may be offered for sale without a permit or inspection from ADH.

Maple Syrup, Sorghum, or Honey

- Maple syrup, sorghum, or honey that is produced by a maple syrup, sorghum producer, or beekeeper may be sold.
- Creamed honey (whipped) and honey flavored with dry non-TCS ingredients (ground cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.) may be sold.
- Honey with TCS ingredients as additives or flavorings is not allowed.

PERMIT REQUIRED — ADH Permitted and Inspected Facilities

Canned Low-Acid Foods

- Canning is the process of preserving food by packing the food into glass jars and heating the jars to kill organisms that would create spoilage or cause illness.
- Growth of the bacterium *Clostridium Botulinum* in canned food may cause botulism, a deadly form of food poisoning. Botulinum spores are very hard to destroy at boiling water temperatures; the higher the canner temperature, the more easily they are destroyed.
- Low-acid foods (canned foods with a finished equilibrium pH greater than 4.6 and an aw greater than 0.85) require much stricter controls to protect public safety and can only be produced under a permit from the Arkansas Department of Health.
- Low-Acid Canned foods include, without limitation, canned: beans, broccoli, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, corn, artichoke, asparagus, okra, olives, spinach, onions, squash, peas, green beans, fish, meat, poultry, broth, and eggs.

Smoked, Cured, or Dried Meats

- Smoking, curing, and drying meat is a preservation process that removes the available moisture in the meat. By removing moisture, enzymes cannot contact or react with the food.
- The Food Freedom Act does not allow for the sale of any products that contain meat, poultry or seafood and a permit is required to produce these products.
- Permitted facilities who produce these products must have a variance approved by ADH for the specific food process that addresses all the critical food safety factors for the product, including monitoring of the processing temperatures and the aw of the finished product.

Sprouted Seeds or Beans

- Sprouts may include alfalfa, clover, sunflower, broccoli, mustard, radish, garlic, dill and pumpkin as well as mung, kidney, pinto, navy, soybeans, and wheat berries (wheat grass).
- Raw and lightly cooked sprouts, especially alfalfa, clover, and mung bean sprouts have been associated with foodborne illness in a number of outbreaks.
- Production of sprouted seeds or beans requires a permit and a variance from ADH for this specific food process that addresses all critical food safety factors for the product, including the disinfection of the seeds used to grow the sprouts and testing of the irrigation water from each batch of sprouts for the presence of pathogenic microorganisms.
- NOTE: Microgreens — sprouted seeds that are harvested after the emergence of "true leaves" are allowed to be sold under the Food Freedom Act. However, microgreens may only be cut once, during harvest. Sprouted seeds that still have roots, or the cotyledons are still un- or under-developed are considered sprouts and must be produced under a permit.

Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food (TCS Food)

- Any TCS food, even if the food is commercially pre-packaged, can only be sold or served from an ADH permitted and inspected facility. This is to ensure that the proper refrigeration and monitoring is present to maintain food safety.
- These food items must be kept in refrigeration equipment that can always maintain the food at below 41°F or above 135°F.
- Common examples of TCS Food include, without limitation, dairy products, cheeses, meat and poultry products, deli salads, casseroles, cream or custard pies, and cheesecakes.

Ready-to-eat food prepared on site or commercially prepared food that is not prepackaged

- Any ready-to-eat food that is prepared on-site or any commercially prepared food that is provided to the consumer in a non-prepackaged form can only be sold or served from an ADH permitted and inspected facility.
- Any establishment preparing, selling, or serving any of these food items must fully comply with the ADH Rules Pertaining to Retail Food Establishments.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Arkansas cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 75 Arkansas counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP —	REGISTRATION REQUIRED No
FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION No	KITCHEN INSPECTION No
DIRECT SALES ONLY No	INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE) Yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas replaced its prior cottage food law with the Food Freedom Act (SB 248, Act 1040) effective July 2021, one of the most permissive in the country. Prior law (Act 72, 2011, amended 2017, 2019, 2021) limited to 5 food categories and direct sales only. The statute_url points to the act PDF; the codified citation is A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. The state dept cottage food URL returned a 404 as of verification date. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales are allowed — unusual nationally.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT ARKANSAS

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?

Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

No

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?

No

SALES CAP

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ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?

Yes (Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN ARKANSAS

- Arkansas is a Freedom-tier state — typically no sales cap and broad product freedom at the state level.
- Home kitchens are generally allowed; check your specific county for extra rules.
- Most counties do not require a separate dedicated kitchen or home occupation permit.
- Pets rules vary by county — see county sections below.
- Confirm labeling requirements with Arkansas Department of Health.
- Direct vs indirect sales: Yes (Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Arkansas.

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (SB 248 / Act 1040)

CITATION

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)

ENACTED

2021

LAST AMENDED

2021

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

Allowed foods

Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directly to consumers, including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks, and snacks. Interstate sales are permitted and retail/wholesale channels are allowed as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer.

Prohibited foods

Prohibited foods include perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, and meat jerkies. Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include the producer's name, address, and phone number (or a state ag department ID number as an alternative), and all required product information. Online listings must display the same labeling information. Acidified foods require a unique batch number on labels.

Statutory text – verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT – VERBATIM

SB248 - TO CREATE THE FOOD FREEDOM ACT; AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PRODUCERS OF HOMEMADE FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCTS FROM LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND INSPECTION. Under the food freedom law, producers can sell their homemade food almost anywhere, including sales through grocery and retail stores. Even interstate sales are allowed. Producers can sell almost any type of nonperishable food, though producers who sell acidified foods (e.g. pickles) must follow additional requirements. There is no sales limit, and a producer does not need to get a permit from the health department. The food freedom law specifically prevents state and local governments from restricting home food producers. Products must be sold to an informed end consumer. For instance, a grocery or retail store could sell your products to their customers, who are end consumers and can see your product labels. If you want to sell pickles or other acidified foods, you must ensure that the final pH level of the product is 4.6 or below by doing one of the following: Use a recipe from an approved source; Get your product tested in a lab; Test each batch with a calibrated pH meter.

Source: <https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R&measureno=SB248>

Official sources

Statute <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

State dept page <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Extension service <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/special-programs/value-added-food-program/cottage-food.aspx>

Forrager.com <https://forrager.com/law/arkansas/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **Arkansas Department of Health**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 75 Arkansas counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

ARKANSAS: ARKANSAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #286* · FIPS 05001 · DeWitt / Stuttgart

Arkansas County

Population 16,050 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

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ARKANSAS: ASHLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #285* · FIPS 05003 · Hamburg

Ashley County

Population 17,984 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

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No

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ARKANSAS: BAXTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #284* · FIPS 05005 · Mountain Home

Baxter County

Population 43,007 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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ARKANSAS: BENTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #633* · FIPS 05007 · Bentonville

Benton County

Population 286,528 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021); no registration, no inspection, no sales cap; home kitchen allowed; direct and indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods; no state license, permit, or inspection required; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (AR does not preempt local zoning. Benton County and City of Bentonville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods; no state license, permit, or inspection required; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — AR does not preempt local zoning. Benton County and City of Bentonville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, online permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

AR Freedom-tier state — very permissive, no sales cap, no registration. Benton County is fast-growing NW Arkansas (Walmart HQ area, Bentonville). No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bentoncountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: BOONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #283* · FIPS 05009 · Harrison

Boone County

Population 38,636 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

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RESEARCH NOTES

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ARKANSAS: BRADLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #281* · FIPS 05011 · Warren

Bradley County

Population 9,935 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

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ARKANSAS: CALHOUN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #273* · FIPS 05013 · Hampton

Calhoun County

Population 4,690 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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Relevant county code

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ARKANSAS: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #279* · FIPS 05015 · Berryville / Eureka Springs

Carroll County

Population 28,968 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

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ARKANSAS: CHICOT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #301* · FIPS 05017 · Lake Village

Chicot County

Population 9,272 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

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ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
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Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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Relevant county code

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RESEARCH NOTES

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ARKANSAS: CLARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #277* · FIPS 05019 · Arkadelphia

Clark County

Population 20,920 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

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ARKANSAS: CLAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #276* · FIPS 05021 · Corning / Piggott

Clay County

Population 14,112 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

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ARKANSAS: CLEBURNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #275* · FIPS 05023 · Heber Springs

Cleburne County

Population 25,646 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

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ARKANSAS: CLEVELAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #274* · FIPS 05025 · Rison

Cleveland County

Population 7,367 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
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WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
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Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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ARKANSAS: COLUMBIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #288* · FIPS 05027 · Magnolia

Columbia County

Population 22,024 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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ARKANSAS: CONWAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #304* · FIPS 05029 · Morrilton

Conway County

Population 21,422 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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Relevant county code

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ARKANSAS: CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #47* · FIPS 05031 · Jonesboro

Craighead County

Population 111,038 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is Jonesboro.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits all local restrictions including inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is Jonesboro.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits all local restrictions including inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) preempts all local restrictions. State tier is 'Freedom.' Craighead County includes Jonesboro (pop ~80K), home of Arkansas State University. County seat was blank in input; it is Jonesboro. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: CRAWFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #55* · FIPS 05033 · Van Buren

Crawford County

Population 60,593 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen only (commercial kitchen prohibited). No registration, no inspection, no food handler cert, no sales cap required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including local permit requirements. Crawford County cannot impose cottage food licensing or permit requirements beyond what state law allows.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection authority for cottage food operations under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen only (commercial kitchen prohibited). No registration, no inspection, no food handler cert, no sales cap required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods must be stored appropriately; no specific state mandate.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection authority for cottage food operations under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including local permit requirements. Crawford County cannot impose cottage food licensing or permit requirements beyond what state law allows.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost all channels allowed including direct to consumer, retail, wholesale (if informed end consumer is final buyer), internet sales, and interstate sales. Acidified foods require pH testing and batch labeling.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

State preemption applies; Crawford County cannot impose additional cottage food restrictions.

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (SB 248, Act 1040 of 2021) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the nation, including explicit state preemption of local restrictions. Crawford County cannot add requirements beyond state law. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and production records. Interstate sales are uniquely allowed. Perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, and meat jerkies are prohibited.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: CRITTENDEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #300* · FIPS 05035 · Marion

Crittenden County

Population 46,633 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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ARKANSAS: CROSS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #299* · FIPS 05037 · Wynne

Cross County

Population 16,194 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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ARKANSAS: DALLAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #289* · FIPS 05039 · Fordyce

Dallas County

Population 6,076 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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ARKANSAS: DESHA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #292* · FIPS 05041 · Arkansas City

Desha County

Population 10,321 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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ARKANSAS: DREW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #293* · FIPS 05043 · Monticello

Drew County

Population 16,935 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

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ARKANSAS: FAULKNER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #44* · FIPS 05045 · Conway

Faulkner County

Population 124,611 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state or county restrictions beyond standard sanitation.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including permit requirements. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits local governments from requiring inspections. State law preempts local restrictions entirely.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state or county restrictions beyond standard sanitation.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices recommended; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored per common food safety practices. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits local governments from requiring inspections. State law preempts local restrictions entirely.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including permit requirements. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale channels, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions under the Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation and expressly preempts all local restrictions. County-level zoning and permitting requirements for cottage food are therefore inapplicable. State tier is 'Freedom.' No county-specific health or planning URLs in input. Confidence medium: state law well-documented and preemption is explicit; no county-specific research was conducted since preemption eliminates county-level requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.faulknercounty.org>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.faulknercounty.org>

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ARKANSAS: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #294* · FIPS 05047 · Ozark / Charleston

Franklin County

Population 17,586 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?type=PDF&file=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Homemade-Food-Guide-2025-July.pdf>

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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ARKANSAS: FULTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #297* · FIPS 05049 · Salem

Fulton County

Population 12,546 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?type=PDF&file=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Homemade-Food-Guide-2025-July.pdf>

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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ARKANSAS: GARLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #62* · FIPS 05051 · Hot Springs

Garland County

Population 100,021 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (2021): No license, fee, registration, or inspection required. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales are allowed — unusual nationally. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local regulation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (2021): No license, fee, registration, or inspection required. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales are allowed — unusual nationally. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

Almost all nonperishable, non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspections. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local regulation.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Interstate and in-state sales permitted. Retail/wholesale channels allowed as long as informed end consumer is the final buyer. Online sales, delivery, and all sales channels permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Arkansas state law expressly preempts local regulation: A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. No Garland County code section applies to cottage food.

RESEARCH NOTES

Garland County was flagged as 'verified-large' and has a county_govt_url. Hot Springs is a historic resort city in the Ouachita Mountains. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local regulation — one of the most producer-friendly legal structures in the country. No county-specific restrictions apply by law. Confidence medium (county govt URL exists but no county-specific cottage food rules needed or expected).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.garlandcounty.org>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: GRANT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #298* · FIPS 05053 · Sheridan

Grant County

Population 18,546 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced at producer’s private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer’s agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH’s July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Homemade-Food-Guide-2025-July.pdf>

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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ARKANSAS: GREENE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #568* · FIPS 05055 · Paragould

Greene County

Population 46,928 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.greenecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.greenecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #599* · FIPS 05057 · Hope

Hempstead County

Population 19,105 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.hempsteadcounty.org/>

<https://www.hempsteadcounty.org/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: HOT SPRING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #629* · FIPS 05059 · Malvern

Hot Spring County

Population 33,313 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.hotspringcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.hotspringcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: HOWARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #628* · FIPS 05061 · Nashville

Howard County

Population 12,387 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.howardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.howardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #627* · FIPS 05063 · Batesville

Independence County

Population 38,345 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.independencecountyar.com/>

<https://www.independencecountyar.com/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/independence-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: IZARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #626* · FIPS 05065 · Melbourne

Izard County

Population 14,291 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.izardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.izardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #625* · FIPS 05067 · Newport

Jackson County

Population 16,673 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.jacksoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.jacksoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/jackson-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #555* · FIPS 05069 · Pine Bluff

Jefferson County

Population 66,934 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct and indirect sales allowed. Broad food allowances. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a regional center. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Pine Bluff has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct and indirect sales allowed. Broad food allowances. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a regional center. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Pine Bluff has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Freedom-tier state. Very permissive - no cap, no registration, no inspection. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a historically significant city in SE Arkansas. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/jefferson-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: JOHNSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #624* · FIPS 05071 · Clarksville

Johnson County

Population 26,172 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.johnsoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.johnsoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/johnson-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: LAFAYETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #622* · FIPS 05073 · Lewisville

Lafayette County

Population 6,015 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lafayettecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.lafayettecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/lafayette-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: LAWRENCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #613* · FIPS 05075 · Walnut Ridge

Lawrence County

Population 16,305 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lawrencecountyar.org/>

<https://www.lawrencecountyar.org/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/lawrence-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: LEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #621* · FIPS 05077 · Marianna

Lee County

Population 8,104 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.leecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.leecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: LINCOLN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #620* · FIPS 05079 · Star City

Lincoln County

Population 12,868 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lincolncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.lincolncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: LITTLE RIVER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #619* · FIPS 05081 · Ashdown

Little River County

Population 11,626 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.littlerivercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.littlerivercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: LOGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #618* · FIPS 05083 · Paris

Logan County

Population 21,457 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.logancountyar.gov/>

<https://www.logancountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: LONOKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #50* · FIPS 05085 · Lonoke

Lonoke County

Population 74,292 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (State law preempts local inspection requirements. No routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Acidified foods (e.g., pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — State law preempts local inspection requirements. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No restriction specified.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local ordinances.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lonoke County follows Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021). State law expressly preempts local restrictions. No Lonoke County-specific overrides possible. Confidence: medium (state law confirmed via baseline).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #617* · FIPS 05087 · Huntsville

Madison County

Population 17,865 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.madisoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.madisoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MARION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #615* · FIPS 05089 · Yellville

Marion County

Population 17,593 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.marioncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.marioncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MILLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #612* · FIPS 05091 · Texarkana

Miller County

Population 41,958 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.millercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.millercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #623* · FIPS 05093 · Blytheville

Mississippi County

Population 38,095 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.mississippicountyar.gov/>

<https://www.mississippicountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MONROE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #634* · FIPS 05095 · Clarendon

Monroe County

Population 6,415 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.monroecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.monroecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #652* · FIPS 05097 · Mount Ida

Montgomery County

Population 8,510 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
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PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.montgomerycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.montgomerycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: NEVADA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #651* · FIPS 05099 · Prescott

Nevada County

Population 8,004 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.nevadacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.nevadacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: NEWTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #650* · FIPS 05101 · Jasper

Newton County

Population 7,026 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.newtoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.newtoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: OUACHITA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #648* · FIPS 05103 · Camden

Ouachita County

Population 21,684 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
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WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.ouachitacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.ouachitacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: PERRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #646* · FIPS 05105 · Perryville

Perry County

Population 10,251 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
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FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.perrycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.perrycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: PHILLIPS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #645* · FIPS 05107 · Helena

Phillips County

Population 14,661 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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Home kitchen rules

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FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
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MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.phillipscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.phillipscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: PIKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #644* · FIPS 05109 · Murfreesboro

Pike County

Population 10,027 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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Home kitchen rules

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Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.pikecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.pikecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: POINSETT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #635* · FIPS 05111 · Harrisburg

Poinsett County

Population 22,300 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
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Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.poinsettcountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: POLK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #643* · FIPS 05113 · Mena

Polk County

Population 19,434 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.polkcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.polkcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: POPE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #53* · FIPS 05115 · Russellville

Pope County

Population 63,475 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act: must operate from a primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. No license, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers. No local permit required for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; no registration or permit required)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act: must operate from a primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. No license, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; good practice recommended
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable non-PHF foods primarily; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; no registration or permit required
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers. No local permit required for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost no restrictions: any channel including internet, mail, retail, wholesale. Interstate sales allowed (unusual nationally). Commercial kitchen use is prohibited — must use primary residence.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit

Relevant county code

State preempts local restrictions — no county code applies to cottage food

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive: no cap, no registration, no inspection, interstate sales allowed, state preempts local restrictions. Pope County includes Russellville (home to Arkansas Tech University). No county-specific restrictions possible due to state preemption. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: PRAIRIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #642* · FIPS 05117 · Des Arc

Prairie County

Population 7,935 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.prairiecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.prairiecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: PULASKI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #63* · FIPS 05119 · Little Rock

Pulaski County

Population 398,322 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) allows almost all nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods directly to consumers with no permit, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales permitted. Retail and wholesale channels allowed if informed end consumer is final buyer. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state AND local government restriction on home food producers — strongest preemption in the country.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations. Pulaski County and Little Rock cannot impose additional permits, licenses, or inspections on cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required or permitted under Arkansas Food Freedom Act. State preempts local regulation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) allows almost all nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods directly to consumers with no permit, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales permitted. Retail and wholesale channels allowed if informed end consumer is final buyer. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state AND local government restriction on home food producers — strongest preemption in the country.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE Non-perishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing at or below 4.6 with batch-number labeling.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — No inspection required or permitted under Arkansas Food Freedom Act. State preempts local regulation.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations. Pulaski County and Little Rock cannot impose additional permits, licenses, or inspections on cottage food operations.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales channels: direct sales, farmers markets, online, interstate, retail, and wholesale to informed end consumers all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; commercial kitchen use prohibited.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Arkansas Food Freedom Act) — expressly preempts all local government restrictions.

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) confirmed from state baseline. Enacted 2021 (Act 1040). Among the most permissive cottage food laws in the country. Expressly preempts all local government restrictions — Pulaski County/Little Rock cannot add permits, licenses, or inspections. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies; acidified foods require pH testing. Interstate sales allowed (rare nationally). Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Arkansas state dept cottage food URL was returning 404 per state baseline notes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pulaskicounty.net>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/pulaski-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: RANDOLPH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #641* · FIPS 05121 · Pocahontas

Randolph County

Population 19,040 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.randolphcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.randolphcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: SALINE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #46* · FIPS 05125 · Benton

Saline County

Population 123,988 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements for home food producers.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits inspections and local restrictions entirely.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits inspections and local restrictions entirely.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements for home food producers.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales; online, retail/wholesale, and interstate sales all permitted. No channel restrictions under the Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation and expressly preempts all local restrictions. State tier is 'Freedom.' No county-specific URLs provided in input. Saline County is adjacent to Little Rock metro. State law preemption eliminates need for county-level research on permits/inspections.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: SCOTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #639* · FIPS 05127 · Waldron

Scott County

Population 9,837 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.scottcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.scottcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: SEARCY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #567* · FIPS 05129 · Marshall

Searcy County

Population 7,836 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.searcycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.searcycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: SEBASTIAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #54* · FIPS 05131 · —

Sebastian County

Population 128,184 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (One of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directly to consumers. Interstate sales permitted. Retail/wholesale channels allowed as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer. No registration, permit, or inspection required. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not prohibited by state law. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required for cottage food operations. Sebastian County and Fort Smith cannot impose additional restrictions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — One of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directly to consumers. Interstate sales permitted. Retail/wholesale channels allowed as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer. No registration, permit, or inspection required. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state law. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required (good practice); no specific mandate for cottage food.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices; no state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required for cottage food operations. Sebastian County and Fort Smith cannot impose additional restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted through any channel — direct from home, farmers markets, online, retail, wholesale, interstate delivery — as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; must operate from primary residence kitchen.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local restrictions; Sebastian County cannot impose additional rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (AR) confirmed: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act), one of the most permissive in the country, expressly preempts local restrictions. County seat field blank in input data — Fort Smith is the largest city and effectively the county seat of Sebastian County (Sebastian County actually has two county seats: Fort Smith and Greenwood). Sebastian County govt URL confirmed. No county-specific cottage food URLs needed given state preemption. Confidence medium (state sources confirmed; county .gov confirmed but not for specific cottage food provisions).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sebastiancountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.sebastiancountyar.gov>

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ARKANSAS: SEVIER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #632* · FIPS 05133 · De Queen

Sevier County

Population 15,735 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.seviercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.seviercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/sevier-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: SHARP COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #590* · FIPS 05135 · Ash Flat

Sharp County

Population 18,130 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.sharpcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.sharpcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #640* · FIPS 05123 · Forrest City

St. Francis County

Population 21,822 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.stfranciscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.stfranciscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/st-francis-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: STONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #587* · FIPS 05137 · Mountain View

Stone County

Population 12,785 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.stonecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.stonecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/stone-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: UNION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #576* · FIPS 05139 · El Dorado

Union County

Population 37,008 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.unioncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.unioncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: VAN BUREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #574* · FIPS 05141 · Clinton

Van Buren County

Population 16,152 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.vanburencountyar.gov/>

<https://www.vanburencountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #61* · FIPS 05143 · Fayetteville

Washington County

Population 247,331 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Must operate from primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State law expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Acidified foods require pH testing at or below 4.6.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit can be required for cottage food operations in Washington County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (State Food Freedom Act preempts all regulation; no inspection authority)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Must operate from primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State law expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Acidified foods require pH testing at or below 4.6.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required
FOOD STORAGE	No refrigerated TCS finished products; acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — State Food Freedom Act preempts all regulation; no inspection authority
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit can be required for cottage food operations in Washington County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, wholesale, restaurant sales all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in statute; must be primary residence

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act) preempts local ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County AR follows the Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201), one of the most permissive nationally. The law expressly preempts local restriction. Fayetteville is home to University of Arkansas. No county-specific cottage food rules found or needed due to state preemption. Interstate sales allowed. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Washington County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arkansas/washington-county-discuss>

ARKANSAS: WHITE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #49* · FIPS 05145 · Searcy

White County

Population 77,118 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed (unusual nationally).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. State law preempts local inspection requirements.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed (unusual nationally).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. State law preempts local inspection requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted. State law preempts local restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No restriction specified.

Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local ordinances. No White County-specific code section applicable.

RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation. State law explicitly preempts local government from restricting home food producers, meaning no White County home occupation permit can be required. Interstate sales allowed — unusual nationally. No White County-specific overrides possible. Confidence: medium (state law confirmed via baseline, ADH website returned 404 at verification).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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ARKANSAS: WOODRUFF COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #579* · FIPS 05147 · Augusta

Woodruff County

Population 5,808 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No — state law preempts local restrictions (A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
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HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No — preempted by state law

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
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Relevant county code

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RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.woodruffcountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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ARKANSAS: YELL COUNTY

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Yell County

Population 20,134 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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Questions?

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