

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Barbour County

Alabama · Clayton · FIPS 01005 · Population 24,358 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 (AL cottage food law)

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only (in-person, phone, or online within Alabama). Must complete ADPH-approved food safety course. Must submit cottage food review form to Barbour County Health Department.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; good practice recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state requirement for home occupation permit for cottage food. Barbour County is rural with limited zoning. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Check with Barbour County Commission for any local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Cottage food operations are not food service establishments and not subject to routine health department inspection per §22-20-5.1(b). Complaints may trigger review.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good practice recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	Not specified in state statute; covered by food safety course.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated; non-PHF foods must maintain quality but no formal storage rules.

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	Direct to consumer only; in-person, phone, or online within Alabama. Delivery by producer or agent to consumers within state allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Barbour County	Bullock County	Henry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute; good practice recommended.	Not specified in state statute.	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation best practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only; in-person, phone, or online within Alabama. Delivery by producer or agent to consumers within state allowed.	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.	Direct sales to consumers permitted in person, by phone, online, or via mail within Alabama. Delivery may be in person, by an agent, or by ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only (in-person, phone, or online within...	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...	Must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., ACES course, \$25) before selling. Must file paperwork (food safety course certific...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated; non-PHF foods must maintain quality but no formal storage rules.	Not specifically regulated.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be shelf-stable and not require time/temperature control for safety.
POPULATION	24,877	10,328	17,282

RESEARCH NOTES

Barbour County is a rural, small county in southeast Alabama. State law §22-20-5.1 governs cottage food; county health dept (ADPH Barbour) handles review form submission. No county-level overrides found. Producers must submit review form to Barbour County Health Department before selling. Food safety course required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/barbour/>

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

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

State context — Alabama cottage food law

Barbour County's rules sit on top of Alabama's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE Ala. Code §22-20-5.1	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Alabama cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

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

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