

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Talladega County

Alabama · Talladega · FIPS 01121 · Population 81,105 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Ala. Code §22-20-5.1	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

**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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Population 81,105 · State baseline: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form submitted to Talladega County Health Department. Direct sales within Alabama only.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Talladega County and the City of Talladega (known for Talladega Superspeedway NASCAR track) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Talladega County cottage food ordinance identified.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No food service permit required. County health department may not regulate production beyond review form per §22-20-5.1.)

**Home kitchen rules**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form submitted to Talladega County Health Department. Direct sales within Alabama only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

**Inspection & permitting**

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No food service permit required. County health department may not regulate production beyond review form per §22-20-5.1.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Talladega County and the City of Talladega (known for Talladega Superspeedway NASCAR track) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Talladega County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Alabama only: in-person, by phone, or online with in-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

No Talladega County-specific cottage food code identified. Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 governs.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Talladega County follows Alabama cottage food law. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/assets/cottagfoodlawinformation.pdf>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-22/title-1/chapter-20/section-22-20-5-1/>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Talladega County	St. Clair County	Calhoun County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.	No specific state restriction; county health approval may review kitchen conditions.	Standard sanitation practices; no specific state prohibition for standard cottage foods.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Alabama only: in-person, by phone, or online with in-state delivery.	Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.	Alabama allows direct sales and online/in-state shipping (2021 amendment). No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail store channels.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form s...	Alabama cottage food law (§22-20-5.1, 2021 amendment): no sales cap, direct sales only. Must complete state-approved food safety course and...	Alabama allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from home kitchen. Producer must complete state-approved food safety course and obta...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only.	Shelf-stable non-TCS products. Freeze-dried foods require water-activity testing. Acidified foods require pH testing.
POPULATION	81,105	91,719	116,162

## State context — Alabama cottage food law

Talladega 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.

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### STATUTE

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### 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.

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

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### 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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## Questions?

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