

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Faulkner County

Arkansas · Conway · FIPS 05045 · Population 124,611 ·
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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

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Freedom	—	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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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>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Faulkner County	White County	Lonoke County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state or county restrictions beyond standard sanitation.	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale channels, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions under ...	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted. State law preempts local restri...	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary resi...	Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and lo...	Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and loc...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored per common food safety practices. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-numbe...	Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.	Acidified foods (e.g., pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.
POPULATION	124,611	77,118	74,292

State context — Arkansas cottage food law

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

STATUTE A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
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.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

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