

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lonoke County

Arkansas · Lonoke · FIPS 05085 · Population 74,292 ·
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STATE BASELINE

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act)

STATE TIER

Freedom

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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 (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

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation | Lonoke County | White County | Jefferson County |
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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No | No | No |
| PETS ALLOWED | Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices. | Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices. | Not specified in state law |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED | No | No | No |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Yes | Yes | Conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP | Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted. | Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted. State law preempts local restri... | Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery permitted in-state |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | No | No | Varies |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | No | No | Varies |
| RESTRICTIONS | Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and loc... | Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and lo... | No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct and indirect sales allowed. B... |
| FOOD STORAGE | Acidified foods (e.g., pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records. | Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records. | Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products |
| POPULATION | 74,292 | 77,118 | 66,934 |

State context — Arkansas cottage food law

Lonoke 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.

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| 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/>

Questions?

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