

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Baker County

Florida · — · FIPS 12003 · Population 29,325 · Crosodo Index #3059*

STATE BASELINE

Fl. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

250000

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

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?

True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

False

PETS ALLOWED?

No state or county-specific rule for cottage food

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Baker County local occupational license required for home-based businesses) (Baker County Tax Collector issues Occupational Licenses per Ordinance 99-17. Home occupation rules administered by Baker County Building & Zoning (904-259-2403). Definition: business from home where no commodity is produced on premises, can be sold on premises, nor displayed/warehoused. Cottage food sales (non-TCS goods produced at home) may require Board of Adjustments approval for home occupation. Contact Baker County Building & Zoning to confirm whether cottage food production qualifies and if Board approval is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint only (State inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED True

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN False

PET RESTRICTIONS No state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY No state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards

HANDWASHING No state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Yes; Baker County Occupational License from Tax Collector; contact (904) 259-6880

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Must comply with Baker County signage ordinances; standard state preemption applies to cottage food production but traffic/parking/signage ordinances still apply
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit for sole proprietor; home occupation rules may limit to household members

Relevant county code

Baker County Ordinance 99-17 (Occupational License); Baker County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker County Tax Collector site confirmed: Occupational License required for home businesses. Home occupation definition in Baker County explicitly states 'no commodity produced on premises can be sold on premises' — this may create friction with cottage food on-site sales. Operators should confirm with Baker County Building & Zoning (904-259-2403) whether cottage food operations qualify and whether Board of Adjustments approval is needed. State preempts county from banning cottage food operations (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdBaker/>

<https://www.bakercountyfl.org/building-zoning>

<https://www.bakercountyfl.org>

<https://mybakertc.com/occupational-license>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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

State context — Florida cottage food law

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

STATUTE Fla. Stat. §500.80	ANNUAL SALES CAP 250000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
INDIRECT SALES Limited (see notes) — Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

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

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