

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Leon County

Florida · Tallahassee · FIPS 12073 · Population 294,128 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	250000	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 (Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (FL does not preempt local zoning. Leon County and City of Tallahassee may have home occupation requirements. Tallahassee is state capital with active planning department. Operator should verify with local planning)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — FL does not preempt local zoning. Leon County and City of Tallahassee may have home occupation requirements. Tallahassee is state capital with active planning department. Operator should verify with local planning
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, events permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

## Relevant county code

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Leon County has FL Dept of Health county office (leon.floridahealth.gov). Tallahassee is FL state capital with university presence. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state baseline.

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://leon.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.leoncountyfl.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

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

## State context — Florida cottage food law

Leon 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> Fla. Stat. §500.80	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> 250000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> No	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> No
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> 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.	

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

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### 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](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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## Questions?

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