

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Putnam County

Florida · Palatka · FIPS 12107 · Population 73,604 · Crosodo Index #1218*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fl. Stat. \$500.80	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 (Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations beyond home-based business rules (§559.955). No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restriction found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations beyond home-based business rules (§559.955). No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restriction found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955. No Putnam County FL-specific restriction found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Putnam County (Palatka) — note this is distinct from Tennessee’s Putnam County (Cookeville, FIPS 47141). County health URL confirmed in input. Strong FL state preemption limits local interference. No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restrictions found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed, no specific county ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://putnam.floridahealth.gov>

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

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

State context — Florida cottage food law

Putnam 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/>

Questions?

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