

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Santa Rosa County

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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 (Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local restrictions on cottage food operations. However, producers must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Santa Rosa County has no specific county-level cottage food overlay beyond state law. Local municipalities within the county (e.g., Milton) may have home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections only permitted upon receipt of a consumer complaint per §500.80(7). No routine inspections allowed.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections only permitted upon receipt of a consumer complaint per §500.80(7). No routine inspections allowed.
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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. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955 (home-based business)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida has strong state preemption preventing local restrictions on cottage food operations under §500.80(6). Santa Rosa County has no verified county-level cottage food ordinance beyond state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. The \$250,000 annual sales cap is among the highest in the nation (raised in 2021). No registration, permit, or inspection required before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Santa Rosa County	Okaloosa County	Escambia County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholes...	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (§500.80(6))...	Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be...	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods
POPULATION	188,994	212,021	321,296

State context — Florida cottage food law

Santa Rosa 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.

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