

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Barrow County

Georgia · Winder · FIPS 13013 · Population 84,399 · Crosodo Index #2633*

STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19

STATE TIER

Okay

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 (Same as all Georgia counties under HB 398 (eff. July 2025): no license or fee required; complaint-based inspections only; broad non-PHF food types allowed; food handler certification required; interstate and indirect sales now permitted. Annual coliform test if private water source.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in revised law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Barrow County (growing suburb of Atlanta) and the City of Winder may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Barrow County cottage food ordinance identified. Barrow County Planning and Development should be consulted.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based only under HB 398.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in revised law.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water source (well) requires annual coliform testing.
HANDWASHING	Standard food handler hygiene from certification.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-based only under HB 398.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels open under HB 398: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, restaurant, interstate.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in new Georgia law.

Relevant county code

No Barrow County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Barrow County is in the Atlanta metro area (I-85 corridor). Follows the new HB 398 Georgia cottage food framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

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

State context — Georgia cottage food law

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

STATUTE O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
INDIRECT SALES Yes — As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows wholesale, online, retail store, restaurant, and mail-order sales; third-party sellers must display cottage food products separately and label the section as products from residential kitchens exempt from state inspection.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2020/title-26/chapter-2/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

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

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