

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Camden County

Georgia · Woodbine · FIPS 13039 · Population 55,105 ·
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STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 1, 2025, HB 398)

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 (Since July 2025 (HB 398): no license or fee required; complaint-based inspections only; broad allowed foods including most non-TCS items; interstate sales allowed; retail/wholesale/online/restaurant sales allowed. Food handler certification recommended. Private water testing required annually if using private well.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific GA or Camden County restriction. Private water annual coliform test required if on private well.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Camden County is adjacent to Kings Bay Naval Base and includes Woodbine (county seat) and Kingsland. No specific Camden County cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Camden County Government in Woodbine for home occupation zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (GDA complaint-based investigation only; no routine inspections under HB 398.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific GA or Camden County restriction. Private water annual coliform test required if on private well.
WATER SUPPLY	Annual coliform test required if using private water source.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification recommended but not required under new HB 398 framework.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods. Perishable foods and low-acid canned goods prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted. Retail, wholesale, online, restaurant sales all allowed since July 2025. Interstate sales also allowed (unusual nationally).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in GA HB 398.

Relevant county code

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq.; no Camden County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Camden County is in coastal southeast Georgia near the Florida border. The 2025 HB 398 dramatically expanded GA cottage food law effective July 1, 2025 — no license, no fee, no cap, interstate sales allowed. No county-specific rules found. State GDA baseline applies. Prior 'Okay' tier and restrictions reflect the pre-July 2025 law.

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/camden-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Camden County	Glynn County	Brantley County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific GA or Camden County restriction. Private water annual coliform test required if on private well.	Not specified in revised law.	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales permitted. Retail, wholesale, online, restaurant sales all allowed since July 2025. Interstate sales also allowed...	All channels now open under Georgia HB 398: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, restaurant sales, and interstate.	Under HB 398 (eff. July 2025): direct-to-consumer sales, online sales, sales to retail stores, restaurants, and interstate sales are all pe...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Since July 2025 (HB 398): no license or fee required; complaint-based inspections only; broad allowed foods including most non-TCS items; i...	Same as all Georgia counties under HB 398 (eff. July 2025): no license or fee required; complaint-based inspections only; broad non-PHF foo...	Must be produced in operator's primary domestic residence home kitchen only. Secondary homes, vacation homes, or motor homes do not qualify...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods. Perishable foods and low-acid canned goods prohibited.	No specific statutory storage requirements.	Ingredients and finished products must be stored appropriately in the domestic residence
POPULATION	55,105	84,566	18,105

State context — Georgia cottage food law

Camden 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/>

Questions?

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