

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Maui County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
HAR §11-50-3	Poor	—	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?

Conditional (Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) before selling. Only non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods allowed. Direct sales only — no online, wholesale, or mail-order. Maui County enforces Hawaii state HAR Ch. 11-50 rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Maui County Ordinance 4168 (2014) established home business rules. Home businesses are permitted uses in apartment, residential, and rural zoning districts subject to qualifying standards; special use permit required in some districts. Maui County Code Title 19 governs.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Hawaii DOH may inspect upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing required beyond standard food safety practices under state law.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facility required in food preparation area per Hawaii food safety rules.
FOOD STORAGE	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only. No online/mail-order delivery. Customers may pick up at home or operator may sell at markets, events. No wholesale or indirect sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home businesses must be conducted by the occupant; employees are restricted under home business rules.

Relevant county code

Maui County Code Title 19 (Zoning), §19.08.020 (Ord. 4168, 2014) for home businesses

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applies. Hawaii HAR §11-50-3 is the governing law. Maui County Ordinance 4168 (2014) establishes home business zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food variance found. Hawaii is among the most restrictive states: direct sales only, limited allowed foods (non-PHF baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, preserves, cereals, trail mixes, granola, popcorn), food safety training required. No county override of state rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mauicounty.gov>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/san/home-bakery-permit/>

<https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/96115/Ord-4168>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Maui County	Kalawao County	Hawaii County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production.	No explicit pet restriction in HAR §11-50-3, but DOH retains authority to inspect for complaints and foodborne illness investigations. Stan...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Unknown	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. No online/mail-order delivery. Customers may pick up at home or operator may sell at markets, events. No wholesale or in...	Direct-to-consumer sales and wholesale to permitted food establishments allowed under updated HAR §11-50. Online sales allowed. No dried me...	Hawaii HMF program allows direct-to-consumer sales only. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, consignment, or wholesale al...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Unknown	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Unknown	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) befo...	Hawaii requires a mandatory food safety training course (free on-island DOH workshop or ANSI-accredited online course ~\$10, valid 3 years) ...	Hawaii Homemade Food Operation (HMF) program (HAR §11-50-3) allows non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods produced in the operator's pri...
FOOD STORAGE	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.	All cottage food must be stored away from non-food items; no TCS foods permitted.	Only non-PHF (not potentially hazardous) foods. No fermented foods, acidified foods, canned or bottled foods (except jams/jellies), dried m...
POPULATION	164,765	86	202,163

State context — Hawaii cottage food law

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

STATUTE HAR §11-50-3	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Hawaii prohibits online sales, mail order, consignment, wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only in-person direct sales at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and events are allowed.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol06_Ch0321-0344/HRS0321/HRS_0321-0030_0005.htm

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.hawaii.gov/san/home-bakery-permit/>

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

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