COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

De Soto Parish

Louisiana · Mansfield · FIPS 22031 · Population 27,274 · Crosodo Index #2193*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE
La. R.S. §40:4.13 / §40:4.9	Okay	100000	MEDIUM

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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.

How to start — 60-second path

De Soto Parish, Louisiana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?	STATE SALES CAP
Yes	100000
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?	ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Varies	Yes
INSPECTION	PETS
No	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- [ ] **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Louisiana cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- [ ] **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- [ ] **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- [ ] **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- [ ] **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- [ ] **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- [ ] Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- [ ] Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- [ ] Louisiana home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

Louisiana label one-pager →

Print labels for your first market →

Local notes & questions →

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual sales cap $30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local parish tax authority). No food handler cert required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer and limited retail/wholesale allowed. Big Four (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) are direct-to-consumer only. Other low-risk foods may be sold wholesale to restaurants/retail stores. Prohibited: meat/poultry/fish, fresh dairy, low-acid canned goods, fermented foods, cannabis-infused products. Cream/custard items must use pasteurized milk only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No parish-specific home occupation ordinance identified. Local ordinances are NOT preempted by state law. Parish may have home occupation zoning requirements. Sales tax certificate from parish tax authority required before selling.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement possible)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices required; equipment sanitation requirements apply
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement possible
LOCAL HEALTH / COUNTY REGISTRATION	No
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No parish-specific home occupation ordinance identified. Local ordinances are NOT preempted by state law. Parish may have home occupation zoning requirements. Sales tax certificate from parish tax authority required before selling.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer only. Most other products may be sold wholesale to retail stores/restaurants within LA. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees permitted; solo production only

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisiana Okay-tier state. $30,000 annual cap. Local ordinances not preempted by state law. State law confirmed via IJ.org and LDH. Sales tax certificates required at state and parish level. No employees permitted for Big Four categories. No parish-specific cottage food overlay identified. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws

https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/louisiana/

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/de-soto-parish-discuss

De Soto Parish and nearby places

Regulation	De Soto Parish	Sabine Parish	Natchitoches Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas**	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Conditional**	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o…**	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Varies**	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	**Annual sales cap $100,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris…**	Annual gross sales capped at $100,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as…	Annual gross sales capped at $100,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as…
FOOD STORAGE	**Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products**	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	**26,821**	22,209	37,478

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

De Soto Parish's rules sit on top of Louisiana's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE
La. R.S. §40:4.13

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

KITCHEN INSPECTION
No

INDIRECT SALES
Limited (see notes) — Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
100000

FOOD HANDLER CERT
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Louisiana cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/louisiana.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98863

State dept cottage food page: https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws

Forrager.com: https://forrager.com/law/louisiana/

Questions about De Soto Parish? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/de-soto-parish-discuss

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker's Notes

Research notes, not a state ruling. Baker talk is what people discuss. Official pages are cited separately. Confirm before you sell.

Sell to stores (next level)

Cottage / home-kitchen exemptions are usually direct-to-consumer and not for resale into stores. Selling into retail stores typically requires a state manufactured-food (or equivalent) permit and an inspected production kitchen, plus local zoning and business licensing.

This county: We have not collected local store-shelf notes for this place yet.

Confirm with the state food agency and local planning / commissioner offices before you sell into stores. Not legal advice.

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies
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LOCAL

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