

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Gloucester County

New Jersey · Woodbury · FIPS 34015 · Population 302,621 ·
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STATE BASELINE

N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.; cottage food operator registration required; \$50,000 annual sales cap; food handler certificate required; direct sales only

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Poor	50000	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 (Registration with NJ Dept of Health required; \$50,000 annual cap; food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods only)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets excluded from production area

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (NJ does not preempt local ordinances. Gloucester County municipalities may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local municipality)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Registration with NJ Dept of Health required; \$50,000 annual cap; food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods only
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from production area
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facility required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored appropriately

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — NJ does not preempt local ordinances. Gloucester County municipalities may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; no retail or wholesale; farmers markets and events allowed
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. Same NJ 'Poor' tier baseline applies. No Gloucester County-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

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

State context — New Jersey cottage food law

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

STATUTE N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.	ANNUAL SALES CAP 50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Cottage food products may only be delivered or relinquished at: the operator's home (not for onsite consumption), the consumer's NJ home, a NJ farmers market or other permitted NJ location. Products cannot be sold to wholesale establishments, retail food establishments, or shipped out of state. Online and phone order-taking is allowed as an ancillary activity, but physical delivery must occur in New Jersey person-to-person or at permitted locations. Charitable bake sales remain exempt under separate provisions.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phfpp/njac8_24.pdf

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-jersey/>

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