

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cattaraugus County

New York · Little Valley · FIPS 36009 · Population 77,000 ·
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STATE BASELINE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

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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 (Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required. Cattaraugus County may have local zoning requirements. No Cattaraugus County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required.

HANDWASHING

Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification required at state level.

FOOD STORAGE

Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP

Yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Cattaraugus County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cattaraugus County follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step). No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cattarauguscounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cattaraugus County	Chautauqua County	Erie County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	Not specified in state rules
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — but only ...	Sales allowed at farm venues, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — all within New Yor...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged in...	Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments). Registration is free and does not expire but is lo...	Home Processor Exemption is location-specific. Must use home kitchen only; products must be packaged in the home before sale. Registration ...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves/ snack mixes only. Pre-packaged in the home. All products must be baked (pathoge...	Products must be packaged in the home kitchen before sale; no in-person packaging at events
POPULATION	77,000	127,440	951,232

State context — New York cottage food law

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

STATUTE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

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

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