

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cayuga County

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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

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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HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged 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. Cayuga County may have local zoning requirements. County health department URL confirmed in input.)

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 (must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Cayuga County may have local zoning requirements. County health department URL confirmed in input.
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 Cayuga County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cayuga County follows New York’s Home Processor Exemption. County government and health URLs confirmed in input data. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. All products must be baked. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed but no specific cottage food ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cayugacounty.gov/health>

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cayuga County	Wayne County	Tompkins County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.	No specific restriction.	NY state recommends consulting local zoning officials before starting. Tompkins County Environmental Health administers local food program ...
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 at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, online within New York State. Wholesale permitted.	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within NYS only. ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged and la...	New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, certain jams...	New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — all products must have a pathogen kill step), certain jams, jellies, p...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Pre-packaged at home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.	Non-PHF only. Pre-packaged in home required. Prohibited: refrigerated/TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vineg...
POPULATION	76,171	91,324	102,555

State context — New York cottage food law

Cayuga 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 —
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/>

Questions?

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