

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clinton 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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Population 79,839 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a pathogen kill step — all products must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged. Sales only within New York State.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Clinton County and the City of Plattsburgh may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a pathogen kill step — all products must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification mandated at state level for the Home Processor Exemption.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Clinton County and the City of Plattsburgh may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
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 only. Wholesale sales are permitted (notable for NY).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in the Home Processor Exemption. Registration is location-specific and individual.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

New York’s Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276 / N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets, no expiration but location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No Clinton County-specific cottage food rules found. State law regulates; local zoning may apply. No county URLs provided in input or found in research. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance found).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <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/clinton-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clinton County	Essex County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	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...	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a ...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability required.	—	—
POPULATION	79,839	37,314	47,459

State context — New York cottage food law

Clinton 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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