

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Dutchess County

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STATE BASELINE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; registration with NY Dept of Ag & Markets required; no sales cap; direct and indirect sales

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Good	—	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 (State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets excluded from production areas

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (NY state does not preempt local zoning. Dutchess County municipalities (Poughkeepsie, Beacon, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local town/city zoning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facility required
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — NY state does not preempt local zoning. Dutchess County municipalities (Poughkeepsie, Beacon, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local town/city zoning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, and online permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. Same NY state baseline. Dutchess County is Hudson Valley region. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Dutchess County	Orange County	Ulster County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from production areas	No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, and online permitted	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets; home delivery; online (within New York State only)....	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — within Ne...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required	New York Home Processor program (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets (locat...	Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods; no refrigerated products allowed.
POPULATION	296,467	401,237	182,153

State context — New York cottage food law

Dutchess 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	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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