

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Fulton 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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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must have a pathogen kill step (baking). No refrigerated or TCS products. Registration with NY Ag & Markets (free, location-specific, no expiration). Sales within New York State only.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (NY Home Processor Exemption registration required (free, from NY Ag & Markets, location-specific). No routine county or local permit identified for Fulton County specifically. Fulton County is a rural Adirondacks-adjacent county. Contact Fulton County government in Johnstown for local zoning/home occupation requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must have a pathogen kill step (baking). No refrigerated or TCS products. Registration with NY Ag & Markets (free, location-specific, no expiration). Sales within New York State only.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard good manufacturing practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable products only. No refrigerated items, no no-bake items. All products must be pre-packaged in the home.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — NY Ag & Markets may investigate on complaint.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — NY Home Processor Exemption registration required (free, from NY Ag & Markets, location-specific). No routine county or local permit identified for Fulton County specifically. Fulton County is a rural Adirondacks-adjacent county. Contact Fulton County government in Johnstown for local zoning/home occupation requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within NY State only. Wholesale/indirect sales also permitted (notable among states).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in NY rules.

### Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; no Fulton County-specific ordinance identified

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Fulton County is a rural county in the Adirondack foothills, historically known for glove-making. No county-specific cottage food rules found. NY's Home Processor Exemption is free and does not expire but is location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Wholesale/indirect sales permitted which is unusual nationally.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

## State context — New York cottage food law

Fulton 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.

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

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

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### 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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