

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hamilton County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	<b>Good</b>	—	<b>MEDIUM</b>	

**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?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

**RESEARCH NOTES**

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (North Country office serves Hamilton County). Hamilton County is the least-populous county in New York State and is entirely within the Adirondack Park; nearly all land is Forest Preserve or conserved. Very limited commercial zoning. No county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning (where it exists in this largely unzoned county) is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hamilton County	Essex County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	—
POPULATION	5,090	37,314	47,459

## State context — New York cottage food law

Hamilton 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.

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

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?

Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Hamilton County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

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