

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Orange 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?**

Conditional (New York Home Processor program (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets (location-specific, does not expire). Only baked products (must have pathogen kill step - must be baked). No-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, frostings/fillings, dairy, meat, fish, poultry prohibited. All products must be pre-packaged and labeled. Sales within New York State only. Wholesale sales permitted (unusual for NY). Orange County does not have a county-level food administration; local municipal zoning rules apply.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Orange County municipalities (Newburgh, Middletown, Port Jervis, Goshen, Warwick, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Orange County does not administer food or zoning permits. Operators should verify home occupation requirements with local municipality. New York City has additional local rules (not applicable to Orange County).)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

### Home kitchen rules

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**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific state requirement for home processor exemption.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard food safety practices.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.

### Inspection & permitting

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets; home delivery; online (within New York State only). Wholesale also permitted under NY Home Processor program.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state home processor exemption.

### Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276 (state home processor exemption); local Orange County municipal zoning codes vary.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

New York Home Processor exemption confirmed from state baseline. Free registration required; location-specific. All products must be baked (kill step required) — very restrictive compared to most states. No wholesale restriction (unusual). Orange County has no county-level food administration. Municipal zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Orange County local rules not directly researched.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<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/orange-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Orange County	Rockland County	Dutchess County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.	Pets excluded from food production areas	Pets excluded from production areas
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets; home delivery; online (within New York State only)....	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, and online permitted	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, and online permitted
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Registration with NY Dept of Agriculture & Markets required; only shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves; no TCS foods...	State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods
POPULATION	401,237	337,326	296,467

## State context — New York cottage food law

Orange 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> 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.	

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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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