

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Putnam County

New York · Carmel · FIPS 36079 · Population 97,942 ·  
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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 97,942 · 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 (New York Home Processor Exemption allows non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked, i.e., have a pathogen kill step). Jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods approved. No sales cap. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Sales within New York State only.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific restriction under New York Home Processor rules.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Putnam County municipalities (Town of Carmel, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Putnam County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check local town zoning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection for NY Home Processor Exemption; NY Ag &amp; Markets administers.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — New York Home Processor Exemption allows non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked, i.e., have a pathogen kill step). Jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods approved. No sales cap. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Sales within New York State only.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under New York Home Processor rules.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement stated.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory requirement for home processors.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Pre-packaged in the home; labeled; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection for NY Home Processor Exemption; NY Ag & Markets administers.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Putnam County municipalities (Town of Carmel, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Putnam County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check local town zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Wholesale sales permitted — notable compared to most states.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No limit specified for NY Home Processor Exemption.

## Relevant county code

No Putnam County-specific cottage food code identified.

### RESEARCH NOTES

No Putnam County-specific cottage food rules found. New York's Home Processor Exemption is unusual in that all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required); no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, etc. are prohibited. Registration administered by NY Department of Agriculture and Markets, not county health. Putnam County is in the lower Hudson Valley; no county-level cottage food overlay identified.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<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/putnam-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Putnam County	Dutchess County	Rockland County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under New York Home Processor rules.	Pets excluded from production areas	Pets excluded from food 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, via home delivery, and online within New York State...	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 Exemption allows non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked, i.e., have a pathogen kill step). Jams, jell...	State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required	Registration with NY Dept of Agriculture & Markets required; only shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves; no TCS foods...
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in the home; labeled; non-PHF shelf-stable only.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods
POPULATION	97,942	296,467	337,326

## State context — New York cottage food law

Putnam 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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## Questions?

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