

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Lawrence County

New York · Canton · FIPS 36089 · Population 108,670 ·
Crosodo Index #730*

STATE BASELINE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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.

How to start — 60-second path

St. Lawrence County, New York — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under New York cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ New York home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[New York label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — no no-bake items), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales within New York State only. If private well, a water potability test is required with the registration application.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (NY State recommends consulting local zoning officials before commencing any home-based business. St. Lawrence County municipalities (Canton, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Massena) may have home occupation requirements. No specific St. Lawrence County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets administers the program; registration is location-specific and free.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.

WATER SUPPLY

Private well water requires a potability test (Total Coliform and E. coli) from a certified lab submitted with the registration application.

HANDWASHING

Standard handwashing practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

All products must be non-potentially hazardous and pre-packaged in the home. Prohibited: refrigerated or TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vinegars, dairy products, meats, fish, poultry, beverages, cheesecakes, cream-filled pastries, buttercream/cream cheese frostings, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, freeze-dried foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets administers the program; registration is location-specific and free.

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

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, home delivery, and internet — all within New York State only. Wholesale to local facilities (restaurants, cafes, grocery stores) within NYS also permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific St. Lawrence County code section identified. State law governs: 1 CRR-NY 276.4.

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Lawrence County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. NY Home Processor Exemption is notable for allowing wholesale to local facilities within NYS. No sales cap. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

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 about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/new-york/st-lawrence-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Lawrence County	Jefferson County	Herkimer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within ...	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale also...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, online within NY State. Wholesale pe...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — no no-bake items), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and ...	New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (kill step/baking required). Registration free and location-specifi...	NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shel...
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be non-potentially hazardous and pre-packaged in the home. Prohibited: refrigerated or TCS products, no-bake items, pickl...	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No no-bake items, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee.	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.
POPULATION	108,670	117,445	60,293

State context — New York cottage food law

St. Lawrence 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](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/new-york.

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 about St. Lawrence County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/new-york/st-lawrence-county-discuss

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