

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Steuben 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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Yes (New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, certain jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes. No sales cap. Free registration (location-specific). Sales within New York State only. Prohibited: no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, cream-filled pastries, cheesecakes.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Steuben County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Steuben County-specific cottage food permit identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement stated.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Steuben County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Steuben County-specific cottage food permit identified.
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, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Steuben County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Steuben County-specific cottage food rules found. Steuben County is in the Southern Tier of New York (wine country region). NY Home Processor baked-goods-only restriction is unique nationally. Steuben County Health Department handles local food safety but NY Home Processor Exemption is administered by state Ag & Markets.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

State context — New York cottage food law

Steuben 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 N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY 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](#).

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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