

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sullivan 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)

—

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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HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Sullivan County may have local zoning requirements. No Sullivan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification mandated at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Sullivan County may have local zoning requirements. No Sullivan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold 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.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Sullivan County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sullivan County follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Registration is free, location-specific, and does not expire. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step). Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

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/sullivan-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sullivan County	Ulster County	Orange County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — within Ne...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets; home delivery; online (within New York State only)...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged...	Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods; no refrigerated products allowed.	Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.
POPULATION	78,725	182,153	401,237

State context — New York cottage food law

Sullivan 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/>

Questions?

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