

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Warren 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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Population 65,684 · 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 (Home Processor Exemption requires free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be pre-packaged and labeled in the home. Only baked (heat-processed) products allowed; no-bake items, pickles, salsas, dairy, meat, or frostings with cream cheese are prohibited.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; home kitchen standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Warren County is in the Adirondack region. Local zoning varies by town/village. No specific Warren County cottage food home occupation permit identified. Contact Warren County Planning at (518) 761-6410 or relevant town zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; home kitchen standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; must be baked (heat kill step required)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints
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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, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Warren County Planning or relevant town for zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption is free, no expiration, location-specific registration. All products must be baked (heat kill step). No sales cap. Warren County seat per FIPS data is Queensbury (unincorporated — actual county seat is Lake George per some sources). No county-specific cottage food restrictions found. Input had no county URLs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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/warren-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Warren County	Washington County	Saratoga County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; home kitchen standards apply	No specific pet restriction stated in NY Home Processor rules; standard food safety hygiene applies.	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. Interstate s...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online — within NY State only. Wholesale sales ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Home Processor Exemption requires free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be pre-packaged and labeled in t...	NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shel...	Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings w...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; must be baked (heat kill step required)	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products
POPULATION	65,684	61,310	236,328

State context — New York cottage food law

Warren 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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