COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Alleghany County

North Carolina · Sparta · FIPS 37005 · Population 11,137 · Crosodo Index #2576*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
02 NCAC 9C.0307	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-10-21

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

Alleghany County, North Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?	STATE SALES CAP
Yes	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?	**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**
Yes	Yes
INSPECTION	**PETS**
Yes	**No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.**

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under North Carolina 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
- ☐ North Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

North Carolina label one-pager →

Print labels for your first market →

Local notes & questions →

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

NORTH CAROLINA: ALLEGHANY COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no refrigerated or frozen products allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (NC state program requires checking with local county planning/zoning department before starting. Alleghany County is a small rural mountain county; zoning ordinance governs unincorporated areas. No Alleghany County-specific cottage food ordinances found via research.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Yes (Annual inspection by NCDA&CS Division of Food and Drug Protection required before registration is issued and annually thereafter.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no refrigerated or frozen products allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required. Private well users must verify water safety.
HANDWASHING	Required per NCDA&CS home kitchen inspection standards and 21 CFR 117 Subpart B (GMP).
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual inspection by NCDA&CS Division of Food and Drug Protection required before registration is issued and annually thereafter.
LOCAL HEALTH / COUNTY REGISTRATION	No
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — NC state program requires checking with local county planning/zoning department before starting. Alleghany County is a small rural mountain county; zoning ordinance governs unincorporated areas. No Alleghany County-specific cottage food ordinances found via research.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; home processor program intended for small-scale individual operations.

Relevant county code

Not identified; state law (02 NCAC 9C.0307) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

NC Good-tier state. Annual inspection required; pets disqualify applicants. Local ordinances are NOT preempted by state law. No Alleghany County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Rural mountain county. State baseline applied.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.alleghanycounty.gov

https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processer

https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-and-drug-protection/home-processor-inspections

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/alleghany-county-discuss

Alleghany County and nearby places

Regulation	Alleghany County	Ashe County	Wilkes County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.**	No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.	Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant from the NC Home Processor program entirely
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Conditional**	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.**	Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.	Direct and indirect sales allowed; no online shipping restriction; products must be shelf-stable
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Yes**	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	**Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no …**	Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no …	NC requires annual inspection of the home kitchen by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify applicants. Kitchen must meet GMP requirements (2…
FOOD STORAGE	**All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing …**	All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing …	Shelf-stable foods only; proper storage away from contaminants
POPULATION	**11,137**	27,203	66,125

State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Alleghany County's rules sit on top of North Carolina's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE
02 NCAC 9C.0307

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION
Yes

INDIRECT SALES
Yes — Home processors may sell to retail stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers. Sales at farmers markets are permitted. Labels are required for wholesale and packaged self-service retail; direct hand-to-consumer sales (e.g., from home or at events) may be exempt from affixed labels if ingredient info is available on request. NC requires annual home kitchen inspection, which is unusual among no-cap states.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
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FOOD HANDLER CERT
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **North Carolina cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/north-carolina.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2009%20-%20food%20and%20drug%20protection/subchapter%20c/02%20ncac%2009c%20.0307.pdf

State dept cottage food page: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processer

Forrager.com: https://forrager.com/law/north-carolina/

Questions about Alleghany 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/north-carolina/alleghany-county-discuss

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker's Notes

Research notes, not a state ruling. Baker talk is what people discuss. Official pages are cited separately. Confirm before you sell.

Sell to stores (next level)

Cottage / home-kitchen exemptions are usually direct-to-consumer and not for resale into stores. Selling into retail stores typically requires a state manufactured-food (or equivalent) permit and an inspected production kitchen, plus local zoning and business licensing.

This county: We have not collected local store-shelf notes for this place yet.

Confirm with the state food agency and local planning / commissioner offices before you sell into stores. Not legal advice.

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies
Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

COURSES

Advertise here — Courses
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LOCAL

Advertise here
Reach home bakers in Alleghany County, North Carolina. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.
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Your business here
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