

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Greene County

North Carolina · Snow Hill · FIPS 37079 · Population 20,862 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
02 NCAC 9C.0307	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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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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?

Varies (NC state program requires checking with local county planning/zoning department before starting. Greene County is a small rural agricultural county in eastern NC. Zoning ordinance governs unincorporated areas; Town of Snow Hill may have additional requirements. No Greene 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

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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 Greene County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Rural eastern NC agricultural county. State baseline applied.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.greenecounty.gov>

<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processor>

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Greene County	Lenoir County	Wayne 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.	Pet animals in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant entirely under NC home processor rules (per GMP requirements, 21 CFR 117 Subpart B). This ...	Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant for a home processor permit. Complete pet prohibition.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
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 and indirect sales (retail, wholesale) permitted. Online sales and shipping within NC allowed.	North Carolina allows direct and indirect sales (retail stores, restaurants). No sales cap. Shelf-stable products only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	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 ...	Annual kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS required. No sales cap. Allowed: shelf-stable, low-risk non-refrigerated foods including baked goods, ...	North Carolina requires annual kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant. Wayne County follows stat...
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing ...	Shelf-stable, non-refrigerated products only. Sauces and dehydrated foods may require pH or water activity testing.	Shelf-stable products only. Acidified foods require pH/ water activity testing. Refrigerated/frozen prohibited.
POPULATION	20,862	55,071	117,480

State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Greene 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION Yes	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
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.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [North Carolina cottage food law report](#).

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-processor>

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

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