

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hoke County

North Carolina · Raeford · FIPS 37093 · Population 52,612 ·  
Crosodo Index #2803\*

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

## How to start — 60-second path

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Conditional**

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Conditional**

INSPECTION

**Yes**

PETS

**Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time during operation — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant from the 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 →](#)

**Local notes & questions →**

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

## NORTH CAROLINA: HOKE COUNTY

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## Hoke County

Population 52,612 · State baseline: 02 NCAC 9C.0307 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Home kitchen must pass NCDA&CS inspection before production begins. No pets allowed in home at any time (GMP violation). Kitchen must meet 21 CFR 117 Subpart B (GMP) standards. Only shelf-stable, non-refrigerated products allowed. Must verify with Hoke County planning department that food business is permitted at property.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time during operation — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant from the home processor program.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Applicants must verify with Hoke County planning department and HOA (if applicable) that operating a food business is permitted at the property before applying for home processor inspection. County-level permit requirements vary.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection required before production begins. NCDA&CS Food Regulatory Specialist contacts applicant within 2 weeks of application receipt to arrange inspection. Annual re-inspection applies.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time during operation — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant from the home processor program.

## WATER SUPPLY

Public water: attach current bill. Well/non-public water: must have water tested for coliforms within one year of application; store-bought test kits not accepted.

## HANDWASHING

Running water at suitable temperature and pressure required. Standard household sinks acceptable.

## FOOD STORAGE

Only shelf-stable products; no refrigerated products permitted. Equipment and supplies must be stored inside the dwelling.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

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## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Products may be sold directly to consumers. Allowed sales channels include retail stores, restaurants (if produced lawfully), and direct-to-consumer. No explicit delivery restrictions in state program beyond requiring direct sale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state home processor rules; county zoning may impose limits.                                                                                                                                                          |

**Relevant county code**

NC Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; 21 CFR 117 Subpart B (GMP); 02 NCAC 9C.0307

**RESEARCH NOTES**

North Carolina does not have a standalone cottage food law. Home processing requires a NCDA&CS home kitchen inspection (annual). The no-pets rule is a strict disqualifier. Must contact Hoke County planning department to confirm the food business can operate at the property. Products must be shelf-stable and non-refrigerated. Acidified foods require additional CFR 21 § 114 compliance. No Hoke County-specific ordinances found in research; state baseline and NCDA&CS program rules apply.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.hokecounty.gov>

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

<https://www.ncagr.gov/food-drug/fdpd-home-processing-app-pdf/download?attachment=>

<https://pickyourown.org/CottageFoodLaws-NorthCarolina.php>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/hoke-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/hoke-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Hoke County                                                                                                                                    | Moore County                                                                                                                                    | Robeson County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time during operation — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant from the home p... | PETS IN THE HOME DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS ENTIRELY for the NC Home Processor registration. No animals permitted per GMP requirements (21 CFR 1...  | Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant for a home processor permit. This is a complete pet prohibition, not limited to producti... |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Products may be sold directly to consumers. Allowed sales channels include retail stores, restaurants (if produced lawfully), and direct-to... | Direct-to-consumer and some wholesale/retail sales permitted within North Carolina. Online and delivery sales permitted within state.           | North Carolina allows direct and indirect sales (retail stores, restaurants allowed). No sales cap. Products must be shelf-stable. No onlin... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Home kitchen must pass NCDA&CS inspection before production begins. No pets allowed in home at any time (GMP violation). Kitchen must meet ... | North Carolina home processor program requires annual inspection of the home kitchen by NCDA&CS. Shelf-stable, low-risk foods permitted inc...  | North Carolina requires an annual kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant (full prohibition, not ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Only shelf-stable products; no refrigerated products permitted. Equipment and supplies must be stored inside the dwelling.                     | Shelf-stable, non-refrigerated/ non-frozen products only. Prohibited: refrigerated/frozen products, low-acid canned foods, dairy products, s... | Shelf-stable products only. Acidified foods require pH or water activity testing. Refrigerated/frozen products prohibited.                     |
| POPULATION                 | 52,612                                                                                                                                         | 100,759                                                                                                                                         | 117,573                                                                                                                                        |

## State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Hoke 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.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| STATUTE               | ANNUAL SALES CAP  |
| 02 NCAC 9C.0307       | —                 |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| Yes                   | No                |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION    | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| Yes                   | 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.

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/north-carolina).

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### 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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**Questions about Hoke 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/hoke-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/hoke-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Hoke County, North Carolina. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

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