

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Ashtabula County

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## STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

## STATE TIER

**Good**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## 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.

## OHIO: ASHTABULA COUNTY

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**MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only products on the Ohio approved list may be sold: non-PHF bakery products, candy (not fresh-fruit-dipped), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Ashtabula County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food permit identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.)

**Home kitchen rules**

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging; store to prevent contamination.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Ashtabula County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food permit identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio (no out-of-state sales). Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Ohio cottage food law.

**Relevant county code**

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food code identified.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food rules found. Ohio uses a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) rather than a general non-TCS standard – this is more restrictive than many states. ODA cottage food page returned 404 during research; ohio.gov codes pages used as primary source. Ashtabula County is in northeast Ohio near Lake Erie.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>
- <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/ohio/ashtabula-county-discuss>

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

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

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<b>STATUTE</b>	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b>
O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20	—
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	No
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b>	
Yes — Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.	

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/ohio/>

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