

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Clark 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.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or use reduced oxygen packaging. No potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned goods.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clark County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Springfield and other municipalities have their own home occupation provisions. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Check Clark County planning or Springfield city zoning.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved cottage food product list items only. Non-potentially hazardous; no reduced oxygen packaging. Stored in food-safe containers.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clark County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Springfield and other municipalities have their own home occupation provisions. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Check Clark County planning or Springfield city zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Sales from home, farmers markets, retail stores. No sales outside Ohio. Online sales within Ohio permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

**Relevant county code**

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04 (approved product list).

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline (OH) confirmed: O.R.C. §3715.023/§3715.025, Ohio approved product list. Clark County govt URL confirmed (clarkcountyohio.gov). No specific county cottage food ordinances found. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

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

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Clark 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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