

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clermont 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 (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Clermont County (east of Cincinnati) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Clermont County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Union, Miami, Monroe, etc.). Municipalities (Batavia, Milford, Amelia, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific county water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard GMP storage; approved product list compliance required.

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	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap for cottage food. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Clermont County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Clermont County (county seat: Batavia) is a suburban county east of Cincinnati. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food.

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/clermont-county-discuss>

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Clermont 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.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
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.	

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

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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