

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Franklin 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 Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by the owner, with only one stove/oven designed for common residential use. No commercial equipment permitted. Cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations to ensure there is no restriction on home-based retail sales.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.)

## Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales. Festival/event sales allowed if organized by a political subdivision and lasts no more than 7 consecutive days.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies (no explicit limit; operation must be in owner's primary residence)

**Relevant county code**

O.R.C. §3715.021(A) (exemption); O.A.C. 901:3-20 (cottage food rules)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Franklin County follows state baseline. Ohio's cottage food list is quite specific (enumerated approved products, not a general non-PHF standard). Key restriction: home must have only one residential stove/oven. Ohio notably allows cottage food sales to grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants within the state — broader than many states. Products must bear the 'This Product is Home Produced' statement in 10-point font. No Franklin County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://myfcph.org>

<https://www.franklincountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

[https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/Cottage+Food+Production+Operation\\_2-3-25.pdf](https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/Cottage+Food+Production+Operation_2-3-25.pdf)

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

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Franklin 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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