

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Jefferson County

Ohio · Steubenville · FIPS 39081 · Population 65,280 ·  
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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: JEFFERSON COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints)

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

## Inspection &amp; permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio; online sales within Ohio permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under cottage food framework

## Relevant county code

Contact Jefferson County Planning for local zoning

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, specific approved product list. No sales cap.  
Jefferson County in eastern Ohio; no specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

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**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/jefferson-county-discuss>

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Jefferson 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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