

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Knox County

Ohio · Mount Vernon · FIPS 39083 · Population 62,657 ·
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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 or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Knox County includes Mount Vernon in central Ohio. Local zoning may apply. Contact Knox County Planning Commission at (740) 393-6612.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.

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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only

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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. No out-of-state sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No specific limit

Relevant county code

Contact Knox County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Knox County is a rural central Ohio county. Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, approved product list. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

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/knox-county-discuss>

State context — Ohio cottage food law

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