

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Medina 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. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially hazardous foods. No acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit or registration. Medina County local zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county ordinance verified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially hazardous foods. No acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit or registration. Medina County local zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county ordinance verified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

### Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20; no specific county code found.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio has a specific approved product list for cottage food (OAC 901:3-20-04) distinguishing it from most states. No registration, no sales cap, but products must be on the approved list. Medina County URLs were blank in input. Ohio has a two-tier system: cottage food operations (no registration) vs. Home Bakery (requires license). No county-level overrides found.

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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/medina-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Medina County	Lorain County	Wayne County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.	Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to retailers permitted under separate \$300,000 annual cap with addition...	Ohio allows direct sales including from home, farmers markets, events, online (within Ohio only). No wholesale. Products may not be sold ou...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially...	Non-TCS foods only; \$35,000 annual direct sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required	Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on sta...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Shelf-stable approved products. Reduced oxygen packaging prohibited. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
POPULATION	182,347	313,101	116,680

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Medina 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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