

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Muskingum 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 allows production from home kitchen without registration or license. Only approved product list items allowed (per OAC 901:3-20-04): non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Muskingum County and the City of Zanesville may have home occupation ordinances. No Muskingum County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Muskingum County Planning Commission or City of Zanesville zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No registration or routine inspection required. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement for cottage food operations.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No registration or routine inspection required. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Muskingum County and the City of Zanesville may have home occupation ordinances. No Muskingum County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Muskingum County Planning Commission or City of Zanesville zoning office.
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. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Online sales permitted if delivery remains in Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Muskingum County-specific cottage food code identified. O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC 901:3-20 govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Muskingum County follows Ohio’s cottage food framework. Ohio has a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) that is narrower than many states. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official Ohio Legislature and ODA sources; Muskingum County-specific zoning not verified.

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/muskingum-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Muskingum County	Licking County	Coshocton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in Ohio cottage food law.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Online sales permitted if delivery remains in Ohio.	Direct sales only within Ohio at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues. In-state delivery permitted.	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food allows production from home kitchen without registration or license. Only approved product list items allowed (per OAC 90...	No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not b...	Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement for cottage food operations.	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.
POPULATION	86,393	178,844	36,629

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Muskingum 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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