

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Warren County

Ohio · Lebanon · FIPS 39165 · Population 243,189 · Crosodo Index #792*

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 has an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) — only listed products allowed. No registration required, no inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio, cannot use reduced oxygen packaging. No sales cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Warren County and municipalities (Lebanon, Mason, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Warren County is listed as 'pattern' — no county URLs provided. Check with local municipality.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required; complaint-based enforcement)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable approved products only; no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required; complaint-based enforcement
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Warren County and municipalities (Lebanon, Mason, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Warren County is listed as 'pattern' — no county URLs provided. Check with local municipality.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Ohio only; online orders with Ohio delivery allowed. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets and events allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code §901:3-20-04

RESEARCH NOTES

Warren County OH is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs. Ohio cottage food law has no registration requirement but uses an approved product list. No cap. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No Warren County-specific ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Warren County .gov source retrieved.

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/warren-county-discuss>

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Warren 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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