

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Washington 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.

## OHIO: WASHINGTON COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

### SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

### PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Washington County and City of Marietta may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Washington County or their local zoning authority.)

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

### INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

## Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Washington County and City of Marietta may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Washington County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

Washington County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Washington County, OH. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04. Washington County is in SE Ohio near WV border (Marietta is on the Ohio River).

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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/washington-county-discuss>

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Washington 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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