

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wayne County

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STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; approved product list required; Ohio only

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Good	—	MEDIUM	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 allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04. Wayne County (Amish country/Wooster area) follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections for cottage food. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable approved products. Reduced oxygen packaging prohibited. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct sales including from home, farmers markets, events, online (within Ohio only). No wholesale. Products may not be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (OH tier Good). Wayne County is in east-central Ohio (Wooster/Amish Country area). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

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/wayne-county-discuss>

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Wayne 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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