

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wood County

Ohio · Bowling Green · FIPS 39173 · Population 131,564 ·
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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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MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved product list only. Non-potentially hazardous; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Online sales within Ohio allowed. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OH) confirmed. Wood County includes Bowling Green (BGSU) and Perrysburg suburbs of Toledo. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. 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/wood-county-discuss>

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Wood 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/>

Questions?

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