

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Choctaw County

Oklahoma · Hugo · FIPS 40023 · Population 14,672 · Crosodo Index #35\*

## STATE BASELINE

2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act)

## STATE TIER

**Freedom**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

**75000**

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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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 (Production must occur at producer’s primary residence. Annual gross sales cap of \$75,000. Non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registration required. TCS foods: must complete approved food safety training (ServSafe or ODAFF-approved, ≤8 hours) before selling. Labeling required on all products (producer name/address, ingredients, allergens, net weight, ‘Made in a Home Kitchen - Not Inspected by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry or the Oklahoma State Department of Health’). Voluntary ODAFF registration available (\$15/year).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law; standard sanitation practices apply

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Choctaw County is a rural county with no identified county-wide zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas. The City of Hugo (county seat) may require a business license and home occupation permit for businesses within city limits. State law (§5-4.6) allows counties to adopt non-conflicting ordinances.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection. ODAFF may investigate upon complaint of foodborne illness or labeling violation; may request proof of food safety training for TCS food producers)

### Home kitchen rules

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**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** No

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in state law; standard sanitation practices apply

**WATER SUPPLY** Not specified in state law; standard residential water supply assumed

**HANDWASHING** Not specified in state law beyond standard sanitation practices

**FOOD STORAGE** Not specified in state law; standard food safety practices implied

### Inspection & permitting

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** No

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed on-site (home), by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. Non-TCS foods may also be sold through third-party retail vendors (grocery stores, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs) if vendor displays required allergen/unlicensed disclosure placard. Producer or producer's agent may deliver in-state.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit on household members assisting; non-resident hired employees not specifically addressed in HFFA; local home occupation rules may restrict

### Relevant county code

Not identified; state: 2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act (HB 1032, 2021) applies statewide. Choctaw County is a predominantly rural county. No county-level zoning ordinance or cottage food overlay identified for unincorporated areas. The City of Hugo and any incorporated municipalities within the county have their own municipal zoning requirements that supersede county rules within city limits. State law expressly prohibits county ordinances from conflicting with or restricting the HFFA (2 O.S. §5-4.6). \ \$75,000 annual sales cap. TCS foods allowed with food safety training (ServSafe or equivalent).

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/homemade-food-freedom-act-fapc-242>

[https://www.oklegislature.gov/cf\\_pdf/2021-22%20ENR/hB/HB1032%20ENR.PDF](https://www.oklegislature.gov/cf_pdf/2021-22%20ENR/hB/HB1032%20ENR.PDF)

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## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Choctaw County	Atoka County	Bryan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; standard sanitation practices apply	No specific pet restriction in Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act.	Not specified in state law; standard sanitation practices apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales allowed on-site (home), by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. Non-TCS foo...	Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act permits direct and indirect sales (farmers markets, retail stores, online). No restriction on sales chan...	Sales allowed on-site (home), by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. Non-TCS foo...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Production must occur at producer's primary residence. Annual gross sales cap of \$75,000. Non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registr...	Oklahoma's Homemade Food Freedom Act (HB 1032, eff. Nov. 1, 2021) allows production and sale of homemade food products from a private resid...	Production must occur at producer's primary residence. Annual gross sales cap of \$75,000. Non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registr...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified in state law; standard food safety practices implied	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods exempt from licensing. TCS foods permitted with food safety training completion.	Not specified in state law; standard food safety practices implied
POPULATION	14,672	14,117	48,678

## State context — Oklahoma cottage food law

Choctaw County's rules sit on top of Oklahoma'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>
2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act)	75000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	Recommended
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	No

### INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales are permitted on site, by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may promulgate rules to allow sales at other locations or by other means. County ordinances may regulate but may not conflict with or impede the Act. For TCS foods, the producer must complete an approved food safety training (e.g., ServSafe Food Handler Training, max 8 hours, available online) before selling.

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Oklahoma cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/deliverdocument.asp?citeid=478859>

State dept cottage food page: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/oklahoma/>

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