

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Crook County

Oregon · Prineville · FIPS 41013 · Population 24,918 · Crosodo Index #710*

| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
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| ORS §616.723 | Good | 50000 | MEDIUM | 2026-05-06 |

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 (Residential dwelling allowed. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods permitted. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted; \$51,200 in 2025). Cannabis-containing foods excluded. May not sell to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, restaurants). Pets not allowed in food preparation area during production.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if applicable.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Crook County has a Planning Department that governs land use in unincorporated areas. Home occupations in unincorporated Crook County are subject to the Crook County Zoning Ordinance. City of Prineville has its own zoning provisions. Producers should verify home occupation standards with Crook County Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. ODA may respond to complaints.)

Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if applicable. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Potable water supply required. |
| HANDWASHING | Food handler certification required (ORS 624.570); proper handwashing is part of food handler training. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately. Separate storage for cottage food ingredients, packaging, and labels from household foods required. |

Inspection & permitting

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| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales to end users permitted from home, online, through the mail, and at events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions with required placard. Cannot sell to institutions. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified at county level; state law applies to producer operating from dwelling. |

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; Crook County Zoning Ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Crook County is in central Oregon. Oregon cottage food law (ORS 616.723, as amended by SB 643, 2023) is the operative framework with \$50,000 annual cap (\$51,200 in 2025). Food handler certification required. No county-specific cottage food rules identified. Rural high-desert county with limited county-level zoning constraints expected.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.crook.or.us/departments/planning>

<https://www.co.crook.or.us>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/food-safety/fs-licensing/pages/without-license.aspx>

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/em-9192-oregons-cottage-food-exemption>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/oregon/crook-county-discuss>

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Crook County’s rules sit on top of Oregon’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

ORS §616.723

ANNUAL SALES CAP

50000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Depends

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Direct sales to end users are permitted in any manner including online, mail, and at events. Sales to retailers (including coffee shops but not restaurants) are permitted if the retailer agrees to store/display the foods separately and clearly indicate they are homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment. Sales to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, caterers, day care centers, nursing homes, correctional facilities) are prohibited. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is required for establishments wishing to sell to retailers under licensed status rather than using the residential-dwelling exemption. The department may provide a unique identification number for use on labels. Annual records must be maintained for 3 years.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

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

Questions?

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