

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Jackson County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	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 (Oregon state law (ORS §616.723, as amended by SB 643 in 2023) permits cottage food production from a residential dwelling. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Food handler certification required (ORS §624.570). Pets may not be in the food preparation area, though presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643). Cottage food may not be sold to institutions (caterers, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants).)

### SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

### PETS ALLOWED?

Pets may not be present in the food preparation area during production. Since SB 643 (2023), pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification.

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Jackson County (unincorporated areas): home occupation permit requirements administered by Jackson County Development Services. Medford and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning ordinances. Contact Jackson County Development Services or the relevant city planning department for specific requirements.)

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

### INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required for Oregon cottage food under ORS §616.723 (no registration pathway). Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint. Optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) available for those wishing to sell to retailers.)

## Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets may not be present in the food preparation area during production. Since SB 643 (2023), pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement documented for Oregon cottage food operations under ORS §616.723.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification under ORS §624.570 required, which includes food safety and hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous (non-TCS) foods only; standard GMP storage. Products must be packaged in the home.

### Inspection & permitting

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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Jackson County (unincorporated areas): home occupation permit requirements administered by Jackson County Development Services. Medford and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning ordinances. Contact Jackson County Development Services or the relevant city planning department for specific requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Oregon cottage food law (SB 643, 2023) expanded to permit online, mail-order, and event sales. Home pickup and delivery to consumers allowed. May not sell to restaurants or retail stores (unless using the optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License). Products may not be sold to institutions.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit employee cap in Oregon cottage food statute for residential dwelling operations. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

### Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; Jackson County Development Services zoning regulations (contact required)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Oregon state baseline applies. Jackson County (county seat: Medford) has no county-level cottage food URL in input. SB 643 (2023) significantly expanded Oregon’s cottage food law: raised cap from \$20,000 to \$50,000, expanded allowed products, permitted online/mail/event sales. No Jackson County-specific overrides found. Operators must obtain food handler certification and comply with ORS §616.723 product list restrictions.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

[https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_616.723](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.723)

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

## State context — Oregon cottage food law

Jackson 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> ORS §616.723	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> 50000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Depends	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> No	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> 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.

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

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**STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES**

State statute: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_616.706](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/>

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