

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Yamhill County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	HIGH	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 allows packaged non-potentially-hazardous foods from residential dwellings: baked goods, confectionery, coffee beans, teas, popcorn, jams, jellies, honey, syrups, fruit butters, nut mixes, repackaged freeze-dried foods, repackaged dried/dehydrated foods, powdered drink mixes. Annual sales cap of \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted, raised by SB 643 2023). Food handler certification required. Sales to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, restaurants) prohibited. Retailers permitted under specific conditions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production (per SB 643; no longer an automatic disqualifier if elsewhere in dwelling).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance Section 1004 defines and regulates home occupations. A home occupation permit is required in most zoning districts. Standard home occupation (up to 5 on-site employees) requires a conditional use permit in residential and most rural zones. Minor Home Occupation (up to 2 employees) may be allowed with simpler approval. Retail sales of products (cottage food pickup) must be secondary to the primary home occupation use.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine kitchen inspections for the cottage food exemption. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (optional ~\$50/year) is an alternative pathway for retail sales with licensed status.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production (per SB 643; no longer an automatic disqualifier if elsewhere in dwelling).

WATER SUPPLY

Home kitchen on a well and/or septic system has additional requirements for a domestic kitchen license.

HANDWASHING

Food handler certification required per ORS 624.570.

FOOD STORAGE

All production, including storage of equipment, ingredients, and finished product, must occur within the home kitchen space. No garage, basement, or other rooms allowed.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted from home, online, mail, and at events. Sales to institutions prohibited. Sales to retailers conditionally permitted. Direct-to-consumer delivery allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Up to 5 full or part-time employees under standard home occupation (Yamhill County Zoning §1004.01B). Up to 2 employees under Minor Home Occupation (§1004.02D).

Relevant county code

Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance Section 1004 (Home Occupations); ORS §616.723 (state cottage food).

RESEARCH NOTES

Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance Section 1004 was retrieved directly from yamhillcounty.gov. The county has a specific home occupation ordinance that defines standards including employee limits (5 for standard, 2 for minor), no on-site retail as primary use, and conditional use permit requirements. The state ODA domestic kitchen licensing also applies. Yamhill County is Oregon wine country and has wine-related agricultural activity. For cottage food operations, both state food law (ORS 616.723, \$50,000 cap, food handler cert) and county zoning (Section 1004 home occupation permit) apply. Confidence high due to county-specific source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov>

<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8505/Zoning-Ordinance-Section-1004-Home-Occupations-PDF>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/food-safety/fs-licensing/pages/domestic-kitchen.aspx>

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

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

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Yamhill 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/>

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