

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wayne County

Pennsylvania · Honesdale · FIPS 42127 · Population 51,227 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737	Good	—	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

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Yes (Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued. Must submit at least 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Label requirements apply.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Wayne County may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. City of Honesdale and individual townships have separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Wayne County Planning and Zoning and relevant township.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply as part of LFE program.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of LFE kitchen inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required per LFE requirements.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Wayne County may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. City of Honesdale and individual townships have separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Wayne County Planning and Zoning and relevant township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retailers. All material submitted 60 days before opening.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state LFE rules.

Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Wayne County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with initial kitchen inspection — one of fewer states requiring a pre-operational inspection. Registration fee is \$35 (2-year). 60-day advance application required. Wayne County is a rural northeastern PA county; no county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state LFE requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

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

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

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

STATUTE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&t1=03&div=0&chpt=57>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

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

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