COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Marlboro County

South Carolina · Bennettsville · FIPS 45069 · Population 26,118 · Crosodo Index #1570*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
S.C. Code §44-1-145	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-10-06

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Marlboro County, South Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?	STATE SALES CAP
Yes	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?	ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Varies	Yes
INSPECTION	PETS
No	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under South Carolina cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ South Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

South Carolina label one-pager →

Print labels for your first market →

Local notes & questions →

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (South Carolina allows cottage food from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence (S.C. Code §44-1-145). No registration, permit, or inspection required. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded to allow retail store and grocery store sales, online/mail order, and added option to use department-issued ID number in lieu of home address on labels. No sales cap. Operations with net earnings below $1,500 are exempt from the section entirely. Must label products 'Homemade food, not inspected by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Marlboro County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning for commercial activity in residential zones. Operators should check with county planning or zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Complaint-based only. SC Dept. of Agriculture (formerly DHEC, transferred July 1, 2024) may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under SC cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only. SC Dept. of Agriculture (formerly DHEC, transferred July 1, 2024) may inspect upon complaint.
LOCAL HEALTH / COUNTY REGISTRATION	No
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Marlboro County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning for commercial activity in residential zones. Operators should check with county planning or zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. No geographic restriction within SC.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; must be primary domestic residence.

Relevant county code

Marlboro County zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions), S.C. Code §44-1-145

RESEARCH NOTES

State cottage food law (S.C. Code §44-1-145) provides baseline with no sales cap, no registration required, and no inspection required. Food safety oversight transferred from DHEC to SC Dept. of Agriculture effective July 1, 2024 (Act No. 60). Rural SC county bordering North Carolina. SC §44-1-145 governs. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found. County-specific zoning rules not researched at ordinance level. Confidence medium: state rules well-documented; local home occupation rules not confirmed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.marlborocounty.sc.gov

https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/south-carolina/marlboro-county-discuss

Marlboro County and nearby places

Regulation	Marlboro County	Dillon County	Chesterfield County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.**	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
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POPULATION	**26,118**	30,479	46,734

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

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

STATUTE
S.C. Code §44-1-145

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

KITCHEN INSPECTION
No

INDIRECT SALES
Yes — Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
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FOOD HANDLER CERT
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **South Carolina cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/south-carolina.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php

State dept cottage food page: https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/

Forrager.com: https://forrager.com/law/south-carolina/

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crosodo.com/nb/south-carolina/marlboro-county-discuss

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker's Notes

Research notes, not a state ruling. Baker talk is what people discuss. Official pages are cited separately. Confirm before you sell.

Sell to stores (next level)

Cottage / home-kitchen exemptions are usually direct-to-consumer and not for resale into stores. Selling into retail stores typically requires a state manufactured-food (or equivalent) permit and an inspected production kitchen, plus local zoning and business licensing.

This county: We have not collected local store-shelf notes for this place yet.

Confirm with the state food agency and local planning / commissioner offices before you sell into stores. Not legal advice.

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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COURSES

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INSURANCE

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LOCAL

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