

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Augusta County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Va. Code §3.2-5130	Good	Tiered	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 (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to \$9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No state-level permit required. Augusta County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Augusta County-specific cottage food ordinance found. County seat field is blank in source data — Augusta County is unique in Virginia as the county seat (Staunton) is a separate independent city.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No food handler certification required at state level.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No state-level permit required. Augusta County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Augusta County-specific cottage food ordinance found. County seat field is blank in source data — Augusta County is unique in Virginia as the county seat (Staunton) is a separate independent city.
<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>	Direct sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. No sales to retail food establishments.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified.

## Relevant county code

No Augusta County-specific cottage food code section found.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Augusta County follows Virginia state cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130). County seat is blank in source data; Augusta County's administrative center is Verona, though historically associated with Staunton (now an independent city). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

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

## State context — Virginia cottage food law

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

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### STATUTE

Va. Code §3.2-5130

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Products must be sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment. They cannot be offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments. Sales venues are limited to: private home, temporary event (no more than 14 consecutive days), or farmers market. Internet advertising is explicitly permitted but sales must remain in-person and in-state.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

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

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Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Augusta County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

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