

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ohio

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20.

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O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 **Good**

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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.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Ohio Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Ohio Department of Agriculture · O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 · Ohio Department of Agriculture · <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Ohio's cottage food rules are set by O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Ohio?

- Ohio Revised Code §3715.023 (Labels for cottage food production operation); §3715.025 (Restrictions on cottage food production operation); Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901:3-20 (Cottage Food Production)

What is the annual sales cap?

- None

Is registration or a permit required?

- No

Is a food handler certificate required?

- No

Are kitchen inspections required?

- No

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Approved cottage food products (per Ohio Admin.
- Code 901:3-20-04) include non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn and related products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal and nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients.

What foods are prohibited?

- Acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, and potentially hazardous foods are expressly prohibited. Cottage food products may not be sold outside Ohio, may not be packed using reduced oxygen packaging, and may not include fresh-fruit-dipped candies.
- Food items not expressly listed in the approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) are also prohibited.

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels must include: business name and address, product name, ingredients in descending order by weight, net weight and volume, and the statement 'This product is home produced.' in 10-point type. Labels must also comply with 21 CFR Part 101 federal labeling requirements (per OAC 901:3-20-02).

Statute excerpt

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

What does the Ohio cottage food statute say?

- Section 3715.025 | Restrictions on cottage food production operation. (A) A cottage food production operation shall not process acidified foods, low acid canned foods, or potentially hazardous foods. (B) The director of agriculture shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the food items a cottage food production operation may produce that are in addition to the food items identified by name in division (A)(19) of section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.
- The director shall not adopt rules that permit a cottage food production operation to produce any food that is a potentially hazardous food. Section 3715.023 | Labels for cottage food production operation, processor, or beekeeper.
- (A) A cottage food production operation...shall label each of their food products and include the following information on the label: (1) The name and address of the business; (2) The name of the food product; (3) The ingredients of the food product, in descending order of predominance by weight; (4) The net weight and volume of the food product; (5) In the case of a cottage food production operation, the following statement in ten-point type: 'This product is home produced.'

Official sources

Where should I verify these rules?

- State agency cottage food page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>
- Statute: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

Summarized from official Ohio cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Ohio cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 88 Ohio counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

Yes — Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.

RESEARCH NOTES

The input statute_url pointed to O.R.C. §3715.01 (general definitions), which does contain the definition of 'cottage food production operation' at subsection (A)(19), but the operative restrictions and requirements are in §3715.023, §3715.025, and Ohio Admin. Code Chapter 901:3-20. The ODA cottage foods page returned HTTP 404; the ohio.gov codes pages were used. Ohio has no sales cap and no registration requirement, but has a specific approved product list. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Ohio has a distinct two-tier framework: cottage food operations (no registration) vs. Home Bakery (requires license and inspection).

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT OHIO

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?

Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

No

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?

No

SALES CAP

—

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?

Yes (Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN OHIO

- Ohio (Good tier) — annual sales cap: see statute.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Registration required: No.
- Direct vs indirect sales: Yes (Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Ohio.

Ohio Revised Code §3715.023 (Labels for cottage food production operation); §3715.025 (Restrictions on cottage food production operation); Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901:3-20 (Cottage Food Production)

CITATION	ENACTED
O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20	2001
LAST AMENDED	CONFIDENCE
2012	HIGH

Allowed foods

Approved cottage food products (per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) include non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn and related products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal and nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients.

Prohibited foods

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Labeling requirements

Labels must include: business name and address, product name, ingredients in descending order by weight, net weight and volume, and the statement 'This product is home produced.' in 10-point type. Labels must also comply with 21 CFR Part 101 federal labeling requirements (per OAC 901:3-20-02).

Statutory text – verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT – VERBATIM

Section 3715.025 | Restrictions on cottage food production operation. (A) A cottage food production operation shall not process acidified foods, low acid canned foods, or potentially hazardous foods. (B) The director of agriculture shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the food items a cottage food production operation may produce that are in addition to the food items identified by name in division (A)(19) of section 3715.01 of the Revised Code. The director shall not adopt rules that permit a cottage food production operation to produce any food that is a potentially hazardous food. Section 3715.023 | Labels for cottage food production operation, processor, or beekeeper. (A) A cottage food production operation...shall label each of their food products and include the following information on the label: (1) The name and address of the business; (2) The name of the food product; (3) The ingredients of the food product, in descending order of predominance by weight; (4) The net weight and volume of the food product; (5) In the case of a cottage food production operation, the following statement in ten-point type: 'This product is home produced.'

Source: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

Official sources

Statute <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

State dept page <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Extension service <https://extension.osu.edu/about/cooperative-extension-county-offices>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Ohio Department of Agriculture**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 88 Ohio counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

OHIO: ADAMS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1938* · FIPS 39001 · West Union

Adams County

Population 27,671 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only; no out-of-state sales. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Adams County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required for cottage food. Adams County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Adams County Building & Zoning or the county seat office in West Union for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only; no out-of-state sales. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Adams County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required for cottage food. Adams County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Adams County Building & Zoning or the county seat office in West Union for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments and food service operations are both permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs. OSU Extension notes operators should check local zoning for home-based retail restrictions.

RESEARCH NOTES

Adams County is a rural county in southern Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance was found. Ohio has no sales cap and no registration requirement but maintains a specific ODA-approved product list. Indirect sales to licensed retailers are permitted statewide. OSU Extension Farm Office (March 2023) confirms operators should check local zoning. Defaulted to state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: ALLEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #726* · FIPS 39003 · Lima

Allen County

Population 102,087 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Lima and other municipalities in Allen County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Allen County was flagged as 'verified-large' in the input. No specific Allen County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Exempt from ODA licensing.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No fresh-fruit-dipped candies. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Exempt from ODA licensing.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lima and other municipalities in Allen County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Allen County was flagged as 'verified-large' in the input. No specific Allen County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales to retailers also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Allen County code section identified. State law governs: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20.

RESEARCH NOTES

Allen County was flagged as 'verified-large' but has no county URLs. State baseline governs. Lima is a mid-sized northwestern Ohio city. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: ASHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1211* · FIPS 39005 · Ashland

Ashland County

Population 52,522 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, approved non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ashland County zoning resolution (Section 604) requires home occupation to be located in main dwelling or attached garage. Max 300 sq ft. Only full-time live-in residents may be employed. No accessory building use. Signs limited to 6 sq ft. Zoning permit may not be required for businesses conducted entirely inside residence with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic (per Section 700 exemption). Township-level zoning inspector administers rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. State/local health authority may inspect only upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Direct-from-site sales require no license or inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, approved non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation implied; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied by food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. State/local health authority may inspect only upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Direct-from-site sales require no license or inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ashland County zoning resolution (Section 604) requires home occupation to be located in main dwelling or attached garage. Max 300 sq ft. Only full-time live-in residents may be employed. No accessory building use. Signs limited to 6 sq ft. Zoning permit may not be required for businesses conducted entirely inside residence with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic (per Section 700 exemption). Township-level zoning inspector administers rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license. Customer traffic at home may trigger township zoning permit requirement.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only full-time live-in residents per Ashland County zoning (Section 604). No outside employees.

Relevant county code

Ashland County Township Zoning Resolution 2021, Section 317 and Section 604 (Home Occupation); O.R.C. §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food operations require no license or inspection when selling directly to consumers from production site. Ashland County township zoning (2021 resolution) limits home occupations to main dwelling/attached garage, 300 sq ft, live-in residents only. Businesses with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic are exempt from zoning permits under Section 700. A separate Home Bakery License (\$10/year, ODA inspection) is available for broader operations. No county health department-specific cottage food rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/index.php?id=zoning>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/data/uploads/zoning-resolution-2021-2.pdf>

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/index.php?id=zoning>

<https://ofbf.org/app/uploads/2024/04/Food-Guide-Ohio-Lic-Reg.pdf>

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

OHIO: ASHTABULA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1667* · FIPS 39007 · Jefferson

Ashtabula County

Population 97,666 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only products on the Ohio approved list may be sold: non-PHF bakery products, candy (not fresh-fruit-dipped), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Ashtabula County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food permit identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only products on the Ohio approved list may be sold: non-PHF bakery products, candy (not fresh-fruit-dipped), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging; store to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Ashtabula County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food permit identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio (no out-of-state sales). Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Ohio cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food rules found. Ohio uses a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) rather than a general non-TCS standard — this is more restrictive than many states. ODA cottage food page returned 404 during research; ohio.gov codes pages used as primary source. Ashtabula County is in northeast Ohio near Lake Erie.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: ATHENS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1899* · FIPS 39009 · Athens

Athens County

Population 61,276 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations are allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) limits allowed items. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; standard hygiene practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Athens County and the City of Athens may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Athens County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC; ODA food safety division handles complaints generally.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations are allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) limits allowed items. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; standard hygiene practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable; no reduced oxygen packaging permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC; ODA food safety division handles complaints generally.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Athens County and the City of Athens may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Athens County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales of cottage food products within Ohio only. Sales at farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), and home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Athens County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Athens County. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) that limits eligible items — not all non-TCS foods qualify; producers must verify their product appears on the approved list. No sales cap, no registration required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: AUGLAIZE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1939* · FIPS 39011 · Wapakoneta

Auglaize County

Population 45,922 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Auglaize County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Auglaize County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission or the Wapakoneta office for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Auglaize County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Auglaize County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission or the Wapakoneta office for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Auglaize County is a rural county in west-central Ohio (home of Wapakoneta, birthplace of Neil Armstrong). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: BELMONT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1567* · FIPS 39013 · Saint Clairsville

Belmont County

Population 66,554 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Indirect sales allowed at limited venues (farmers markets, roadside stands). Non-TCS foods only per ODA approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). No acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods, no reduced oxygen packaging, no fresh-fruit-dipped candies.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Belmont County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Saint Clairsville and other municipalities have their own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Indirect sales allowed at limited venues (farmers markets, roadside stands). Non-TCS foods only per ODA approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). No acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods, no reduced oxygen packaging, no fresh-fruit-dipped candies.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products; no reduced oxygen packaging

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Belmont County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Saint Clairsville and other municipalities have their own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales at farmers markets, roadside stands; no out-of-state sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio Good-tier state. Belmont County is in eastern Ohio along the WV border, coal/energy region. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

OHIO: BROWN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1940* · FIPS 39015 · Georgetown

Brown County

Population 44,292 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Brown County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Brown County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Brown County Building/Zoning in Georgetown for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Brown County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Brown County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Brown County Building/Zoning in Georgetown for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Brown County is a rural county in southwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: BUTLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2582* · FIPS 39017 · Hamilton

Butler County

Population 388,327 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Conditional (Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from specific product list permitted. No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Butler County Health District has jurisdiction. Local municipal zoning rules apply.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Butler County municipalities (Hamilton, Middletown, Fairfield, Oxford, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. Butler County Health District may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from specific product list permitted. No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Butler County Health District has jurisdiction. Local municipal zoning rules apply.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required. Butler County Health District may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Butler County municipalities (Hamilton, Middletown, Fairfield, Oxford, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales permitted within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Farmers markets, from home, online within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20-04 (approved products); local Butler County municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state cottage food law well-documented. Butler County includes Hamilton, Middletown, and Fairfield — all have own zoning ordinances. Ohio has specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04); no generic non-TCS allowance. No state registration required. Ohio does not preempt local zoning. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Butler County local zoning not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.butlercountyohio.org>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

OHIO: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1941* · FIPS 39019 · Carrollton

Carroll County

Population 26,460 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Carroll County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Carroll County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Carroll County Regional Planning Commission in Carrollton for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Carroll County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Carroll County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Carroll County Regional Planning Commission in Carrollton for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Carroll County is a rural county in northeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1942* · FIPS 39021 · Urbana

Champaign County

Population 38,907 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Champaign County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Champaign County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Champaign County Regional Planning Commission in Urbana for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Champaign County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Champaign County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Champaign County Regional Planning Commission in Urbana for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Champaign County is a rural county in west-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: CLARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1571* · FIPS 39023 · Springfield

Clark County

Population 135,877 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or use reduced oxygen packaging. No potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned goods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clark County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Springfield and other municipalities have their own home occupation provisions. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Check Clark County planning or Springfield city zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or use reduced oxygen packaging. No potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned goods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved cottage food product list items only. Non-potentially hazardous; no reduced oxygen packaging. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clark County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Springfield and other municipalities have their own home occupation provisions. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Check Clark County planning or Springfield city zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Sales from home, farmers markets, retail stores. No sales outside Ohio. Online sales within Ohio permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04 (approved product list).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OH) confirmed: O.R.C. §3715.023/§3715.025, Ohio approved product list. Clark County govt URL confirmed (clarkcountyohio.gov). No specific county cottage food ordinances found. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov>

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

OHIO: CLERMONT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #786* · FIPS 39025 · Batavia

Clermont County

Population 208,851 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Clermont County (east of Cincinnati) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Clermont County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Union, Miami, Monroe, etc.). Municipalities (Batavia, Milford, Amelia, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Clermont County (east of Cincinnati) zoning administered at township/municipal level.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific county water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard GMP storage; approved product list compliance required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Clermont County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Union, Miami, Monroe, etc.). Municipalities (Batavia, Milford, Amelia, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap for cottage food. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Clermont County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Clermont County (county seat: Batavia) is a suburban county east of Cincinnati. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: CLINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1943* · FIPS 39027 · Wilmington

Clinton County

Population 42,019 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Clinton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Clinton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Clinton County Regional Planning Commission in Wilmington for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Clinton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Clinton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Clinton County Regional Planning Commission in Wilmington for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Clinton County is a rural county in southwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: COLUMBIANA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #737* · FIPS 39029 · Lisbon

Columbiana County

Population 101,723 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Lisbon and other municipalities in Columbiana County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Columbiana County is in eastern Ohio near the Pennsylvania border. No specific Columbiana County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Exempt from ODA licensing.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Exempt from ODA licensing.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lisbon and other municipalities in Columbiana County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Columbiana County is in eastern Ohio near the Pennsylvania border. No specific Columbiana County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect retail sales also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Columbiana County code section identified. State law governs: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20.

RESEARCH NOTES

Columbiana County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: COSHOCTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1924* · FIPS 39031 · Coshocton

Coshocton County

Population 37,003 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Coshocton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Coshocton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Coshocton County Planning Commission in Coshocton for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Coshocton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Coshocton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Coshocton County Planning Commission in Coshocton for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Coshocton County is a rural county in east-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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OHIO: CRAWFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1923* · FIPS 39033 · Bucyrus

Crawford County

Population 41,626 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Crawford County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Crawford County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Crawford County Regional Planning Commission in Bucyrus for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Crawford County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Varies — No state-level permit required. Crawford County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Crawford County Regional Planning Commission in Bucyrus for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Crawford County is a rural county in north-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: CUYAHOGA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #778* · FIPS 39035 · Cleveland

Cuyahoga County

Population 1,256,620 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations exempt from ODA licensing. Home must be primary residence with only one residential stove/oven. Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) provides food safety resources but does not separately license cottage food operations. Local zoning in incorporated cities (Cleveland, Parma, etc.) may have home occupation rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Cuyahoga County cities (Cleveland, Parma, Lakewood, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has product sampling authority. Cuyahoga County Board of Health may investigate complaints. No routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations exempt from ODA licensing. Home must be primary residence with only one residential stove/oven. Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) provides food safety resources but does not separately license cottage food operations. Local zoning in incorporated cities (Cleveland, Parma, etc.) may have home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has product sampling authority. Cuyahoga County Board of Health may investigate complaints. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Cuyahoga County cities (Cleveland, Parma, Lakewood, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.021(A); O.A.C. 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

Cuyahoga County follows Ohio state baseline. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. CCBH is the county health board but does not separately administer cottage food permits. Ohio's unique features: enumerated approved product list (not general non-PHF), retail sales to grocery stores/restaurants allowed, only one residential stove/oven permitted in the home. Products must bear 'This Product is Home Produced' in 10-point font.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ccbh.net>

<https://www.cuyahogacounty.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

<https://www.ccbh.net>

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

OHIO: DARKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1209* · FIPS 39037 · Greenville

Darke County

Population 51,751 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, flavored honey, granola, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Darke County townships have individual zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Darke County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township zoning inspector. City of Greenville has its own zoning code for incorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection or license required. Local health authority may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, flavored honey, granola, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation implied; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection or license required. Local health authority may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Darke County townships have individual zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Darke County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township zoning inspector. City of Greenville has its own zoning code for incorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; township zoning may impose limits.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04; Darke County Township Zoning Resolutions

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food operations require no license or inspection when selling directly from production site. No Darke County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Township-level zoning in Ohio is administered by individual township trustees; rules vary. A separate Home Bakery License (\$10/year, ODA inspection) is available for broader operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: DEFIANCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1922* · FIPS 39039 · Defiance

Defiance County

Population 38,644 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Defiance County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Defiance County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Defiance County Planning/Zoning in Defiance for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Defiance County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Defiance County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Defiance County Planning/Zoning in Defiance for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Defiance County is a rural county in northwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: DELAWARE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #799* · FIPS 39041 · Delaware

Delaware County

Population 216,074 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen. No registration required. Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) must be followed. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Annual sales cap per Ohio law (up to \$75,000 per ORC §3715.024 per Massillon reference). Delaware County is a fast-growing suburban county north of Columbus with high incomes; township zoning is the primary local regulatory mechanism.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food, but GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Delaware County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Berlin, Berkshire, Marlboro, etc.). Delaware City and other municipalities have their own zoning. Home occupation permit may be required from township/municipal zoning office for operating a food business from a residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen. No registration required. Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) must be followed. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Annual sales cap per Ohio law (up to \$75,000 per ORC §3715.024 per Massillon reference). Delaware County is a fast-growing suburban county north of Columbus with high incomes; township zoning is the primary local regulatory mechanism.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food, but GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific county water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must comply with Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04 approved product list and standard GMP storage requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Delaware County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Berlin, Berkshire, Marlboro, etc.). Delaware City and other municipalities have their own zoning. Home occupation permit may be required from township/municipal zoning office for operating a food business from a residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers permitted. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap for cottage food. Township/municipal home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Delaware County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Delaware County is among the fastest-growing counties in Ohio (Columbus metro). No county-level cottage food overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food operations. No county-specific URLs provided in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: ERIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1619* · FIPS 39043 · Sandusky

Erie County

Population 75,299 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Products include non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn, and other specified items.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level registration required for cottage food. Erie County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Erie County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Products include non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn, and other specified items.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level registration required for cottage food. Erie County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Erie County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only. Specific approved product list applies.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20. No Erie County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Erie County follows Ohio state cottage food law. Approved product list applies (OAC 901:3-20-04). No Erie County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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OHIO: FAIRFIELD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1580* · FIPS 39045 · Lancaster

Fairfield County

Population 159,371 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fairfield County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by Ohio Dept of Agriculture.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by Ohio Dept of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Fairfield County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only). No reduced oxygen packaging allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Fairfield County Zoning Resolution; OAC 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Ohio approved product list applies. No Fairfield County-specific cottage food code identified. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: FAYETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1921* · FIPS 39047 · Washington Court House

Fayette County

Population 28,782 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Fayette County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Fayette County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Fayette County Regional Planning Commission in Washington Court House for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Fayette County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Fayette County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Fayette County Regional Planning Commission in Washington Court House for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fayette County is a rural county in southwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #777* · FIPS 39049 · —

Franklin County

Population 1,318,149 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by the owner, with only one stove/oven designed for common residential use. No commercial equipment permitted. Cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations to ensure there is no restriction on home-based retail sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by the owner, with only one stove/oven designed for common residential use. No commercial equipment permitted. Cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations to ensure there is no restriction on home-based retail sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales. Festival/event sales allowed if organized by a political subdivision and lasts no more than 7 consecutive days.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies (no explicit limit; operation must be in owner's primary residence)

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.021(A) (exemption); O.A.C. 901:3-20 (cottage food rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County follows state baseline. Ohio's cottage food list is quite specific (enumerated approved products, not a general non-PHF standard). Key restriction: home must have only one residential stove/oven. Ohio notably allows cottage food sales to grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants within the state — broader than many states. Products must bear the 'This Product is Home Produced' statement in 10-point font. No Franklin County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://myfcph.org>

<https://www.franklincountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/Cottage+Food+Production+Operation_2-3-25.pdf

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

OHIO: FULTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1901* · FIPS 39051 · Wauseon

Fulton County

Population 42,028 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Fulton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Fulton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Fulton County Regional Planning Commission in Wauseon for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Fulton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Fulton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Fulton County Regional Planning Commission in Wauseon for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fulton County is a rural county in northwest Ohio near the Michigan border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: GALLIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1902* · FIPS 39053 · Gallipolis

Gallia County

Population 28,886 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Gallia County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Gallia County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Gallia County Regional Planning Commission in Gallipolis for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Gallia County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Gallia County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Gallia County Regional Planning Commission in Gallipolis for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Gallia County is a rural county in southeast Ohio along the Ohio River. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: GEAUGA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1654* · FIPS 39055 · Chardon

Geauga County

Population 95,455 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product list items may be sold. Ohio Amish community presence in Geauga County may mean significant cottage food activity; state law applies uniformly. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Gauga County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Geauga County-specific cottage food permit identified. Geauga County has a significant Amish and small-farm community, which may affect local interpretation of home-based business rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product list items may be sold. Ohio Amish community presence in Geauga County may mean significant cottage food activity; state law applies uniformly. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Geauga County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Geauga County-specific cottage food permit identified. Geauga County has a significant Amish and small-farm community, which may affect local interpretation of home-based business rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Ohio cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Geauga County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Geauga County-specific cottage food rules found. Geauga County is notable for its large Amish and Mennonite population, which historically has significant cottage food activity (baked goods, produce stands). Ohio's approved product list approach means only specifically listed products may be sold — this is more restrictive than general non-TCS standards in other states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: GREENE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #750* · FIPS 39057 · Xenia

Greene County

Population 167,567 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Greene County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. Xenia city has separate municipal zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Greene County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. Xenia city has separate municipal zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

Greene County (Dayton metro area) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules. County URLs were blank in input. Ohio state approved product list framework applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

OHIO: GUERNSEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1903* · FIPS 39059 · Cambridge

Guernsey County

Population 38,219 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Guernsey County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Guernsey County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Guernsey County Regional Planning Commission in Cambridge for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Guernsey County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Guernsey County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Guernsey County Regional Planning Commission in Cambridge for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Guernsey County is a rural county in east-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HAMILTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #755* · FIPS 39061 · Cincinnati

Hamilton County

Population 827,671 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration required. No sales cap. Approved products only (state OAC 901:3-20-04 list). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state rules; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Hamilton County includes the City of Cincinnati and other municipalities. Cincinnati has a Home Occupation license requirement for home-based businesses. Contact Cincinnati Development Services or the applicable municipality's planning department. Hamilton County Building & Zoning governs unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection authority for cottage food operations. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration required. No sales cap. Approved products only (state OAC 901:3-20-04 list). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state rules; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline
HANDWASHING	No state requirement for food handler certification under cottage food exemption
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; non-PHF foods only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection authority for cottage food operations. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Hamilton County includes the City of Cincinnati and other municipalities. Cincinnati has a Home Occupation license requirement for home-based businesses. Contact Cincinnati Development Services or the applicable municipality's planning department. Hamilton County Building & Zoning governs unincorporated areas.
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. Home delivery, farmers markets, events, online all permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. No wholesale restriction explicitly — but approved product list limits apply.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Hamilton County/Cincinnati municipal zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Hamilton County follows Ohio state baseline for cottage food. Ohio has no registration requirement and no sales cap but uses a specific approved product list. Cincinnati is the largest city in Hamilton County. No Hamilton County-specific cottage food ordinance beyond state law found. Cincinnati municipal code likely has home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/environmental-services>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/county-regional-planning>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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OHIO: HAMCOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1620* · FIPS 39063 · Findlay

Hancock County

Population 75,072 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level registration required. Hancock County OH (distinct from Hancock County IN, rank 701) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Hancock County OH-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level registration required. Hancock County OH (distinct from Hancock County IN, rank 701) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Hancock County OH-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20. No Hancock County OH-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio Hancock County (Findlay) follows Ohio state cottage food law. Note: this is FIPS 39063 (Ohio), distinct from Indiana's Hancock County (FIPS 18059, Greenfield). No Ohio Hancock County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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OHIO: HARDIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1904* · FIPS 39065 · Kenton

Hardin County

Population 30,402 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Hardin County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Hardin County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Hardin County Regional Planning Commission in Kenton for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Hardin County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Hardin County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Hardin County Regional Planning Commission in Kenton for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hardin County is a rural county in northwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HARRISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1905* · FIPS 39067 · Cadiz

Harrison County

Population 14,042 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Harrison County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Harrison County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Harrison County Regional Planning Commission in Cadiz for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Harrison County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Harrison County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Harrison County Regional Planning Commission in Cadiz for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Harrison County is a small rural county in eastern Ohio (oil/gas region). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1906* · FIPS 39069 · Napoleon

Henry County

Population 27,536 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Henry County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Henry County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Henry County Regional Planning Commission in Napoleon for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Henry County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Henry County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Henry County Regional Planning Commission in Napoleon for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Henry County is a rural county in northwest Ohio near the Indiana border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HIGHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1907* · FIPS 39071 · Hillsboro

Highland County

Population 43,785 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Highland County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Highland County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Highland County Regional Planning Commission in Hillsboro for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Highland County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Highland County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Highland County Regional Planning Commission in Hillsboro for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Highland County is a rural county in south-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HOCKING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1908* · FIPS 39073 · Logan

Hocking County

Population 27,429 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Hocking County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Hocking County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Hocking County Regional Planning Commission in Logan for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Hocking County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Hocking County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Hocking County Regional Planning Commission in Logan for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hocking County is a rural county in southeast Ohio known for Hocking Hills State Park. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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OHIO: HOLMES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1909* · FIPS 39075 · Millersburg

Holmes County

Population 44,668 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Holmes County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Holmes County has a large Amish population with active cottage food and small food business activity.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Holmes County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Holmes County Regional Planning Commission in Millersburg for local requirements. Given the significant Amish cottage food economy, local zoning may be more permissive in practice.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Holmes County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Holmes County has a large Amish population with active cottage food and small food business activity.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Holmes County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Holmes County Regional Planning Commission in Millersburg for local requirements. Given the significant Amish cottage food economy, local zoning may be more permissive in practice.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Holmes County is notable for having one of the largest Amish communities in the world and a substantial cottage food/small food business economy. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: HURON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1970* · FIPS 39077 · Norwalk

Huron County

Population 58,518 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Huron County and City of Norwalk may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Huron County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Huron County and City of Norwalk may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Huron County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Huron County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Huron County. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04. Huron County is in north-central Ohio.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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OHIO: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1900* · FIPS 39079 · Jackson

Jackson County

Population 32,723 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Jackson County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Jackson County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Jackson County Regional Planning Commission in Jackson for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Jackson County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Jackson County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Jackson County Regional Planning Commission in Jackson for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Jackson County is a rural county in southern Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1585* · FIPS 39081 · Steubenville

Jefferson County

Population 65,280 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio; online sales within Ohio permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under cottage food framework

Relevant county code

Contact Jefferson County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, specific approved product list. No sales cap.
Jefferson County in eastern Ohio; no specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: KNOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1590* · FIPS 39083 · Mount Vernon

Knox County

Population 62,657 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Knox County includes Mount Vernon in central Ohio. Local zoning may apply. Contact Knox County Planning Commission at (740) 393-6612.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Knox County includes Mount Vernon in central Ohio. Local zoning may apply. Contact Knox County Planning Commission at (740) 393-6612.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit

Relevant county code

Contact Knox County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Knox County is a rural central Ohio county. Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, approved product list. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: LAKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #805* · FIPS 39085 · Painesville

Lake County

Population 232,236 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No registration required, no inspection required. No sales cap. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; sanitary kitchen required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Lake County and Painesville municipalities may require home occupation permits. Lake County is a suburban county east of Cleveland. Check with Lake County Planning Commission.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No registration required, no inspection required. No sales cap. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; sanitary kitchen required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved non-TCS products only; no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lake County and Painesville municipalities may require home occupation permits. Lake County is a suburban county east of Cleveland. Check with Lake County Planning Commission.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio-only sales allowed; direct to consumers. Farmers markets, events, home, online with Ohio delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code §901:3-20-04

RESEARCH NOTES

Lake County OH follows Ohio state baseline. No registration or inspection required. Approved product list approach. No Lake County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Lake County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: LAWRENCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1989* · FIPS 39087 · Ironton

Lawrence County

Population 57,994 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lawrence County and City of Ironton may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Lawrence County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lawrence County and City of Ironton may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Lawrence County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Lawrence County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Lawrence County. State baseline applies. Lawrence County is in southern Ohio on the Kentucky/West Virginia border (Ironton area). Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: LICKING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #784* · FIPS 39089 · Newark

Licking County

Population 178,844 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?Conditional (Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit. Licking County may require home occupation permit under local zoning. County government website confirmed at lickingcounty.gov. No specific county cottage food ordinance found.)**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit. Licking County may require home occupation permit under local zoning. County government website confirmed at lickingcounty.gov . No specific county cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Ohio at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues. In-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

Licking County government website confirmed. Ohio state baseline governs; no county-specific cottage food rules found. Same Ohio approved product list framework applies. Licking County health district (LCHD) would be the relevant contact for any food safety questions.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lickingcounty.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: LOGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1910* · FIPS 39091 · Bellefontaine

Logan County

Population 46,085 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Logan County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Logan County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Logan County Regional Planning Commission in Bellefontaine for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Logan County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Logan County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Logan County Regional Planning Commission in Bellefontaine for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Logan County is a rural county in west-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: LORAIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1357* · FIPS 39093 · Elyria

Lorain County

Population 313,101 · State baseline: Ohio OAC §901:3-20 (Cottage Food Law); no license required; annual sales cap \$35,000 direct sales; home kitchen allowed; no inspection · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS foods only; \$35,000 annual direct sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Lorain County municipalities (Elyria, Lorain city) may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with local planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only; \$35,000 annual direct sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Lorain County municipalities (Elyria, Lorain city) may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to retailers permitted under separate \$300,000 annual cap with additional requirements
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio has two tiers: \$35,000 direct sales cap and higher cap for indirect sales with registration. No Lorain County-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

OHIO: LUCAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2586* · FIPS 39095 · Toledo

Lucas County

Population 430,014 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Conditional (Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit from the state. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from the specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) are permitted (bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) has food safety oversight. Home occupations in Toledo governed by Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400 governs home occupations within city limits. For unincorporated Lucas County areas, county zoning applies. Home occupations must be secondary to residential use. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning, so operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality (Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon, etc.).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Ohio cottage food law. TLCHD does not recognize foods prepared in home kitchens for mobile/licensed food establishments.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Conditional — Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit from the state. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from the specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) are permitted (bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) has food safety oversight. Home occupations in Toledo governed by Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only from ODA-approved product list. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Ohio cottage food law. TLCHD does not recognize foods prepared in home kitchens for mobile/licensed food establishments.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400 governs home occupations within city limits. For unincorporated Lucas County areas, county zoning applies. Home occupations must be secondary to residential use. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning, so operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality (Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon, etc.).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food may be sold directly or indirectly (Ohio allows some indirect sales). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Sales at farmers markets, from home, online permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20-04 (approved products); Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400 (home occupations).

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state cottage food law well-documented. Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) note: home kitchen foods are not recognized for mobile or licensed food establishments, but cottage food law itself does not require licensure. Toledo zoning code (January 2024 version) confirmed to have home occupation section (§1105.0400). Ohio has a specific approved product list (unlike many states) — only products on OAC 901:3-20-04 list are permitted. No registration or inspection required at state level. Local zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Toledo zoning code section confirmed to exist but not fully reviewed for cottage food specifics.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://co.lucas.oh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://cdn.toledo.oh.gov/uploads/documents/Plan-Commission/TMZC/TMZC-2024-01-17.pdf>

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

OHIO: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1912* · FIPS 39097 · London

Madison County

Population 45,531 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Madison County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Madison County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Madison County Regional Planning Commission in London for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Madison County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Madison County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Madison County Regional Planning Commission in London for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Madison County is a rural county in central Ohio west of Columbus. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MAHONING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #803* · FIPS 39099 · Youngstown

Mahoning County

Population 227,979 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No separate commercial kitchen required. Unincorporated Mahoning County zoning governs home-based business use; municipalities within the county (Youngstown, Boardman, etc.) have their own zoning. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep areas.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Mahoning County unincorporated areas: zoning regulations enforced by local townships; many Ohio townships require a home occupation permit for any business operating from a residence. Individual municipal zoning (Youngstown, Austintown, etc.) varies. Recommend verifying with Mahoning County Planning Commission and relevant township/city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.025). ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No separate commercial kitchen required. Unincorporated Mahoning County zoning governs home-based business use; municipalities within the county (Youngstown, Boardman, etc.) have their own zoning. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep areas.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific county water testing requirement for cottage food operations under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required per state GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; standard GMP storage practices apply.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.025). ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Mahoning County unincorporated areas: zoning regulations enforced by local townships; many Ohio townships require a home occupation permit for any business operating from a residence. Individual municipal zoning (Youngstown, Austintown, etc.) varies. Recommend verifying with Mahoning County Planning Commission and relevant township/city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific restrictions documented beyond state baseline.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit for cottage food operations; home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Mahoning County zoning enforced at township level; see individual township zoning ordinances. County Building Regulations reference state ORC and local zoning.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies; no county-level cottage food overrides found. Mahoning County enforces zoning through townships (Boardman, Austintown, Canfield, etc.) and municipalities (Youngstown). Ohio cottage food law (ORC §3715.025) allows no-registration home sales of approved non-PHF foods up to \$75,000/year (per Massillon/Ohio reference found; confirm current cap). Home occupation permitting is administered at the local township/municipal level. No Mahoning County-specific health department cottage food page found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/621/Licensing-Permits>

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

OHIO: MARION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1584* · FIPS 39101 · Marion

Marion County

Population 65,366 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only (bakery products, candy, granola, flavored honey, etc.). Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Marion County is a central Ohio county. Local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Marion County Planning Commission at (740) 223-4100.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only (bakery products, candy, granola, flavored honey, etc.). Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Marion County is a central Ohio county. Local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Marion County Planning Commission at (740) 223-4100.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio; online sales within Ohio permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under cottage food framework

Relevant county code

Contact Marion County Planning or Marion City for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales cap. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Marion County is a mid-size central Ohio county; no specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: MEDINA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #788* · FIPS 39103 · Medina

Medina County

Population 182,347 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially hazardous foods. No acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit or registration. Medina County local zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county ordinance verified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially hazardous foods. No acidified foods. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ohio state cottage food law does not require a permit or registration. Medina County local zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county ordinance verified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio has a specific approved product list for cottage food (OAC 901:3-20-04) distinguishing it from most states. No registration, no sales cap, but products must be on the approved list. Medina County URLs were blank in input. Ohio has a two-tier system: cottage food operations (no registration) vs. Home Bakery (requires license). No county-level overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: MEIGS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1913* · FIPS 39105 · Pomeroy

Meigs County

Population 21,491 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Meigs County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Meigs County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Meigs County Regional Planning Commission in Pomeroy for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Meigs County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Meigs County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Meigs County Regional Planning Commission in Pomeroy for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Meigs County is a rural county in southeast Ohio along the Ohio River. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MERCER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1914* · FIPS 39107 · Celina

Mercer County

Population 42,648 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Mercer County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Mercer County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Mercer County Regional Planning Commission in Celina for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Mercer County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Mercer County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Mercer County Regional Planning Commission in Celina for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mercer County is a rural county in northwest Ohio near the Indiana border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MIAMI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #729* · FIPS 39109 · Troy

Miami County

Population 108,818 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations are limited to an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Troy and other municipalities in Miami County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Miami County cottage food ordinance identified. Operators should check with their local municipality.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Ohio cottage food operations are exempt from ODA licensing.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Ohio cottage food operations are limited to an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No registration or inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations, but standard sanitation practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

HANDWASHING

Standard handwashing practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

Only products on the approved list permitted. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No routine inspections. Ohio cottage food operations are exempt from ODA licensing.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Conditional — Troy and other municipalities in Miami County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Miami County cottage food ordinance identified. Operators should check with their local municipality.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales (to retailers) also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Miami County code section identified. State law governs: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20.

RESEARCH NOTES

Miami County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Ohio has a specific approved product list rather than a prohibited-list approach. No sales cap, no registration. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: MONROE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1916* · FIPS 39111 · Woodsfield

Monroe County

Population 13,051 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Monroe County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Monroe County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Monroe County Regional Planning Commission in Woodsfield for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Monroe County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Monroe County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Monroe County Regional Planning Commission in Woodsfield for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County is one of Ohio's least populous rural counties in southeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1225* · FIPS 39113 · Dayton

Montgomery County

Population 536,121 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one domestic stove/oven. Home Bakery (broader product license): separate Home Bakery License and inspection required. Both programs: no pets indoors for Home Bakery.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ohio state cottage food law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Montgomery County and City of Dayton may have home occupation permit requirements. Operators should contact Montgomery County Regional Planning or City of Dayton Planning for home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (Cottage Food: no inspection required. Ohio Home Bakery License: kitchen inspection required before license. ODA may sample for misbranding/adulteration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one domestic stove/oven. Home Bakery (broader product license): separate Home Bakery License and inspection required. Both programs: no pets indoors for Home Bakery.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific separate provision for cottage food
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored at primary residence

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — Cottage Food: no inspection required. Ohio Home Bakery License: kitchen inspection required before license. ODA may sample for misbranding/adulteration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ohio state cottage food law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Montgomery County and City of Dayton may have home occupation permit requirements. Operators should contact Montgomery County Regional Planning or City of Dayton Planning for home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct from home, online, farmers markets, events, grocery stores, restaurants within Ohio. No interstate sales. No annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20. Local: Montgomery County/City of Dayton zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Same Ohio state baseline as Summit County. Montgomery County (Dayton area) has no specific cottage food overlay found. Ohio does NOT preempt local ordinances. Home occupation permit requirements for Montgomery County/Dayton not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mcoho.org>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/ohio/>

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

OHIO: MORGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1917* · FIPS 39115 · McConnelsville

Morgan County

Population 13,532 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Morgan County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Morgan County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Morgan County Regional Planning Commission in McConnelsville for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Morgan County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Morgan County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Morgan County Regional Planning Commission in McConnelsville for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Morgan County is a small rural county in southeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MORROW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1918* · FIPS 39117 · Mount Gilead

Morrow County

Population 35,927 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Morrow County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Morrow County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Morrow County Regional Planning Commission in Mount Gilead for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Morrow County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Morrow County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Morrow County Regional Planning Commission in Mount Gilead for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Morrow County is a rural county in north-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: MUSKINGUM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1604* · FIPS 39119 · Zanesville

Muskingum County

Population 86,393 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food allows production from home kitchen without registration or license. Only approved product list items allowed (per OAC 901:3-20-04): non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Muskingum County and the City of Zanesville may have home occupation ordinances. No Muskingum County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Muskingum County Planning Commission or City of Zanesville zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No registration or routine inspection required. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food allows production from home kitchen without registration or license. Only approved product list items allowed (per OAC 901:3-20-04): non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement for cottage food operations.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No registration or routine inspection required. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Muskingum County and the City of Zanesville may have home occupation ordinances. No Muskingum County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Muskingum County Planning Commission or City of Zanesville zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Online sales permitted if delivery remains in Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Muskingum County-specific cottage food code identified. O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC 901:3-20 govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Muskingum County follows Ohio's cottage food framework. Ohio has a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) that is narrower than many states. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official Ohio Legislature and ODA sources; Muskingum County-specific zoning not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: NOBLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1919* · FIPS 39121 · Caldwell

Noble County

Population 14,269 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Noble County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Noble County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Noble County Regional Planning Commission in Caldwell for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Noble County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Noble County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Noble County Regional Planning Commission in Caldwell for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Noble County is one of Ohio's least populous and most rural counties in southeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: OTTAWA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1920* · FIPS 39123 · Port Clinton

Ottawa County

Population 39,692 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Ottawa County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Ottawa County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission in Port Clinton for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Ottawa County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Ottawa County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission in Port Clinton for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ottawa County is on Lake Erie in northwest Ohio, including Put-in-Bay area. Tourism-oriented economy may support cottage food farmers market sales. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: PAULDING COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1944* · FIPS 39125 · Paulding

Paulding County

Population 18,755 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Paulding County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Paulding County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Paulding County Regional Planning Commission in Paulding for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Paulding County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Paulding County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Paulding County Regional Planning Commission in Paulding for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Paulding County is a rural county in northwest Ohio near the Indiana border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: PERRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1911* · FIPS 39127 · New Lexington

Perry County

Population 35,682 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Perry County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Perry County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Perry County Regional Planning Commission in New Lexington for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Perry County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Perry County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Perry County Regional Planning Commission in New Lexington for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Perry County is a rural county in southeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: PICKAWAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1968* · FIPS 39129 · Circleville

Pickaway County

Population 58,809 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Pickaway County and City of Circleville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Pickaway County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Pickaway County and City of Circleville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Pickaway County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Pickaway County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Pickaway County. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04. Pickaway County is south of Columbus.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: PIKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1945* · FIPS 39131 · Waverly

Pike County

Population 27,065 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Pike County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Pike County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Pike County Regional Planning Commission in Waverly for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Pike County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Pike County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Pike County Regional Planning Commission in Waverly for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Pike County is a rural county in southern Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: PORTAGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1581* · FIPS 39133 · Ravenna

Portage County

Population 161,217 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Portage County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by Ohio Dept of Agriculture.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, and spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by Ohio Dept of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Portage County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fairs, roadside stands, retail stores (some channels). No reduced oxygen packaging allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Portage County Zoning Resolution (home occupation provisions); OAC 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Ohio has a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). No Portage County-specific cottage food code identified. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: PREBLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1958* · FIPS 39135 · Eaton

Preble County

Population 40,801 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Preble County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Preble County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Preble County Regional Planning Commission in Eaton for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Preble County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Preble County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Preble County Regional Planning Commission in Eaton for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Preble County is a rural county in southwest Ohio near the Indiana border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: PUTNAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1972* · FIPS 39137 · Ottawa

Putnam County

Population 34,206 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Putnam County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Putnam County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Putnam County Regional Planning Commission in Ottawa for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Putnam County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Putnam County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Putnam County Regional Planning Commission in Ottawa for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Putnam County is a rural county in northwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: RICHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2165* · FIPS 39139 · Mansfield

Richland County

Population 125,008 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; approved product list required · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen for approved product categories (non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola, popcorn, etc.) without registration. Products must be on the state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Richland County unincorporated areas are governed by county zoning; incorporated areas (Mansfield) have city zoning. Home occupation permits may be required depending on zoning district. No specific Richland County home occupation cottage food permit details found; contact Richland County Planning Commission or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Ohio does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen for approved product categories (non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola, popcorn, etc.) without registration. Products must be on the state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard state food safety handwashing requirements apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable approved products stored per food safety standards. Reduced oxygen packaging not permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Ohio does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Richland County unincorporated areas are governed by county zoning; incorporated areas (Mansfield) have city zoning. Home occupation permits may be required depending on zoning district. No specific Richland County home occupation cottage food permit details found; contact Richland County Planning Commission or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio state law allows direct sales to consumers including at home, farmers markets, events, and online (within Ohio only). Products may not be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit for cottage food operations; local zoning home occupation rules may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (OH tier Good). Ohio cottage food law requires no registration or inspection and uses an approved product list. No specific Richland County cottage food or home occupation overlay found. richlandcountyoh.us is the official county URL but no relevant cottage food pages found. Confidence medium: state law is clear and well-documented; county-level zoning overlay not researched in depth due to no county-specific URLs provided.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.richlandcountyoh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://www.richlandcountyoh.us>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: ROSS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1617* · FIPS 39141 · Chillicothe

Ross County

Population 76,957 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in jars, dry herbs, spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level registration required for cottage food operations. Ross County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Ross County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee beans, dry baking mixes in jars, dry herbs, spice mixes with commercially dried ingredients. No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level registration required for cottage food operations. Ross County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Ross County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Specific approved product list applies.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20. No Ross County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food law has no sales cap and no registration requirement, but has a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) and prohibits sales outside Ohio. No Ross County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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OHIO: SANDUSKY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1949* · FIPS 39143 · Fremont

Sandusky County

Population 58,885 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Sandusky County and City of Fremont may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Sandusky County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Sandusky County and City of Fremont may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Sandusky County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Sandusky County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Sandusky County. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04. Sandusky County is in north-central Ohio.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: SCIOTO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1622* · FIPS 39145 · Portsmouth

Scioto County

Population 73,716 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level registration required. Scioto County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Scioto County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level registration required. Scioto County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Scioto County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20. No Scioto County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Scioto County follows Ohio state cottage food law. Approved product list applies. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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OHIO: SENECA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1661* · FIPS 39147 · Tiffin

Seneca County

Population 55,062 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. No registration required. No sales cap. No inspections. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or packed in reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state registration required for cottage food operations. Seneca County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Seneca County government in Tiffin.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections; ODA or local health may investigate on complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. No registration required. No sales cap. No inspections. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or packed in reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved non-PHF products only. No reduced oxygen packaging. Cannot be sold outside Ohio.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections; ODA or local health may investigate on complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state registration required for cottage food operations. Seneca County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Seneca County government in Tiffin.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Home Bakery license pathway available for those wanting broader options with inspection.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in OH statute.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; no Seneca County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Seneca County is in northwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies with specific approved product list. Ohio has a distinct two-tier framework: cottage food operations (no registration) vs. Home Bakery (requires license and inspection). No sales cap but products limited to approved list and Ohio only.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: SHELBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1973* · FIPS 39149 · Sidney

Shelby County

Population 47,952 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Shelby County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Shelby County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Shelby County Regional Planning Commission in Sidney for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Shelby County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Shelby County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Shelby County Regional Planning Commission in Sidney for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Shelby County is a rural county in west-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: STARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2581* · FIPS 39151 · Canton

Stark County

Population 374,199 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Conditional (Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from specific product list permitted (bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Stark County Public Health has jurisdiction.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Stark County municipalities (Canton, Massillon, Alliance, North Canton, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. Stark County Public Health may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from specific product list permitted (bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Stark County Public Health has jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required. Stark County Public Health may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Stark County municipalities (Canton, Massillon, Alliance, North Canton, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20-04 (approved products); local Stark County municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state cottage food law well-documented. Stark County includes Canton and Massillon. Ohio specific product list required — no generic non-TCS allowance. No state registration required. Local zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Stark County local zoning not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.starkcountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

OHIO: SUMMIT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1226* · FIPS 39153 · Akron

Summit County

Population 539,361 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires separate Home Bakery License and kitchen inspection. Both programs: no pets indoors for Home Bakery; pets permitted for basic Cottage Food production (no home bakery license).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ohio state cottage food law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Summit County and City of Akron may have home occupation permit requirements. Operators should contact Summit County Planning/Zoning or City of Akron Planning Department to determine if a home occupation permit is required for cottage food production from a residential property.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (Cottage Food: no inspection required. Ohio Home Bakery License: kitchen inspection required before license issued. ODA may sample food products to check for misbranding/adulteration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires separate Home Bakery License and kitchen inspection. Both programs: no pets indoors for Home Bakery; pets permitted for basic Cottage Food production (no home bakery license).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by good sanitation practices; no specific separate provision for cottage food
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at primary residence; standard home kitchen storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — Cottage Food: no inspection required. Ohio Home Bakery License: kitchen inspection required before license issued. ODA may sample food products to check for misbranding/adulteration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ohio state cottage food law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Summit County and City of Akron may have home occupation permit requirements. Operators should contact Summit County Planning/Zoning or City of Akron Planning Department to determine if a home occupation permit is required for cottage food production from a residential property.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and restaurants within Ohio. No interstate sales permitted. No annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20. Local: Summit County/City of Akron zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio has two tiers: Cottage Food (no permit, limited product list, direct sales and wholesale allowed within Ohio) and Home Bakery Law (license required, broader products including perishable baked goods). Ohio does NOT preempt local ordinances. Summit County/Akron home occupation permit requirements not confirmed from direct source. Key Ohio distinction: retail wholesale sales to grocery stores and restaurants are allowed for both cottage food and home bakery (unusual nationally). No interstate sales. No annual cap. Confidence medium: state law confirmed from official ODA page and IJ research; Summit County-specific local rules not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://co.summitoh.net>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/ohio/>

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

OHIO: TRUMBULL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #794* · FIPS 39155 · Warren

Trumbull County

Population 201,749 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Trumbull County (Warren/Youngstown area) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Trumbull County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships. Municipalities (Warren, Niles, Girard, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office. Ohio cottage food URL for the county govt is co.trumbull.oh.us.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Trumbull County (Warren/Youngstown area) zoning administered at township/municipal level.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Trumbull County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships. Municipalities (Warren, Niles, Girard, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office. Ohio cottage food URL for the county govt is co.trumbull.oh.us .
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Trumbull County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Trumbull County (county seat: Warren) is in northeastern Ohio, part of the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman metro area. No county-specific overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.trumbull.oh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1600* · FIPS 39157 · New Philadelphia

Tuscarawas County

Population 92,840 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product list items may be sold. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Tuscarawas County has an Amish community presence (New Philadelphia/Dover area) with active cottage food activity.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Tuscarawas County townships may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Tuscarawas County-specific cottage food permit identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection for Ohio cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product list items may be sold. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Tuscarawas County has an Amish community presence (New Philadelphia/Dover area) with active cottage food activity.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection for Ohio cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Tuscarawas County townships may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Tuscarawas County-specific cottage food permit identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online all permitted within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Tuscarawas County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Tuscarawas County-specific cottage food rules found. Tuscarawas County has one of Ohio's significant Amish communities (New Philadelphia/Sugarcreek area), which historically has high cottage food activity. Ohio's specific approved product list is more restrictive than general non-TCS standards.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: UNION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1589* · FIPS 39159 · Marysville

Union County

Population 63,411 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Union County is a fast-growing suburban county northwest of Columbus. Marysville is county seat. Local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Union County Planning at (937) 645-3001.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Union County is a fast-growing suburban county northwest of Columbus. Marysville is county seat. Local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Union County Planning at (937) 645-3001.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under cottage food framework

Relevant county code

Contact Union County Planning or Marysville for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Union County is a rapidly growing Columbus suburb (Honda of America manufacturing area). Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, specific approved product list. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: VAN WERT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1974* · FIPS 39161 · Van Wert

Van Wert County

Population 28,887 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Van Wert County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Van Wert County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Van Wert County Regional Planning Commission in Van Wert for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Van Wert County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Van Wert County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Van Wert County Regional Planning Commission in Van Wert for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Van Wert County is a rural county in northwest Ohio near the Indiana border. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: VINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1975* · FIPS 39163 · McArthur

Vinton County

Population 12,545 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Vinton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Vinton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Vinton County Regional Planning Commission in McArthur for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Vinton County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Vinton County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Vinton County Regional Planning Commission in McArthur for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Vinton County is Ohio's least populous county, a heavily forested rural county in southeast Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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

OHIO: WARREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #792* · FIPS 39165 · Lebanon

Warren County

Population 243,189 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio has an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) — only listed products allowed. No registration required, no inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio, cannot use reduced oxygen packaging. No sales cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Warren County and municipalities (Lebanon, Mason, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Warren County is listed as 'pattern' — no county URLs provided. Check with local municipality.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required; complaint-based enforcement)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio has an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) — only listed products allowed. No registration required, no inspection required. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio, cannot use reduced oxygen packaging. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable approved products only; no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required; complaint-based enforcement
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Warren County and municipalities (Lebanon, Mason, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Warren County is listed as 'pattern' — no county URLs provided. Check with local municipality.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Ohio only; online orders with Ohio delivery allowed. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets and events allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code §901:3-20-04

RESEARCH NOTES

Warren County OH is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs. Ohio cottage food law has no registration requirement but uses an approved product list. No cap. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No Warren County-specific ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Warren County .gov source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1952* · FIPS 39167 · Marietta

Washington County

Population 59,639 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Washington County and City of Marietta may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Washington County or their local zoning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) applies. No sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Washington County and City of Marietta may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Washington County or their local zoning authority.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Washington County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county ordinance identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Washington County, OH. State baseline applies. Ohio has a specific approved product list; producers must verify their product appears on OAC 901:3-20-04. Washington County is in SE Ohio near WV border (Marietta is on the Ohio River).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: WAYNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2101* · FIPS 39169 · Wooster

Wayne County

Population 116,680 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; approved product list required; Ohio only · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04. Wayne County (Amish country/Wooster area) follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections for cottage food. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04. Wayne County (Amish country/Wooster area) follows state baseline.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable approved products. Reduced oxygen packaging prohibited. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections for cottage food. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio allows direct sales including from home, farmers markets, events, online (within Ohio only). No wholesale. Products may not be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (OH tier Good). Wayne County is in east-central Ohio (Wooster/Amish Country area). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

OHIO: WILLIAMS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1976* · FIPS 39171 · Bryan

Williams County

Population 36,554 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Williams County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Williams County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Williams County Regional Planning Commission in Bryan for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Williams County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Williams County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Williams County Regional Planning Commission in Bryan for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Williams County is a rural county in the northwest corner of Ohio bordering Michigan and Indiana. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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OHIO: WOOD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1570* · FIPS 39173 · Bowling Green

Wood County

Population 131,564 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved product list only. Non-potentially hazardous; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Online sales within Ohio allowed. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OH) confirmed. Wood County includes Bowling Green (BGSU) and Perrysburg suburbs of Toledo. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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OHIO: WYANDOT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1977* · FIPS 39175 · Upper Sandusky

Wyandot County

Population 21,394 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Wyandot County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Wyandot County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Wyandot County Regional Planning Commission in Upper Sandusky for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Wyandot County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Wyandot County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Wyandot County Regional Planning Commission in Upper Sandusky for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wyandot County is a rural county in north-central Ohio. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

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Questions?

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