COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Virginia

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Va. Code §3.2-5130.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
Va. Code §3.2-5130	Good	C	134	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

OFFICIAL VDACS HANDOUT

Virginia's Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions

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Food establishments, including private homes, that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for introduction into commerce (sale) are subject to the Virginia Food Laws as well as all applicable regulations. These laws and regulations are administered by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and enforcement of these requirements includes regular periodic inspections of food establishments (including private homes). Additionally, establishments that are subject to periodic inspections are required to pay the agency an annual fee of $40.00.

Section § 3.2-5130 of the Code of Virginia allows certain low risk foods, acidified vegetables, and honey to be made from a private home without VDACS inspection, with certain restrictions. This fact sheet addresses some frequently asked questions and requirements relating to the exemption. Please consult the Code of Virginia for specific requirements and if you have any questions contact the VDACS Food Safety Program by phone at 804-786-3520 or via email at foodsafety@vdacs.virginia.gov.

I. Low Risk Foods (§ 3.2-5130, Item C.3)

1. What types of home-processed low-risk food products are allowed under this exemption?

- Candies
- Jams and jellies not considered to be low-acid or acidified low-acid food products
- Dried fruits
- Dried herbs
- Dry seasonings
- Dry mixtures
- Coated and uncoated nuts
- Vinegars and flavored vinegars
- Popcorn and popcorn balls
- Cotton candy
- Dried pasta
- Dry baking mixes
- Roasted coffee
- Dried tea
- Cereals
- Trail mixes
- Granola
- Baked goods that do not require time or temperature control after preparation

2. Where can I make these low-risk food products?

- In your own private home

3. What are the labeling requirements for food products in the low-risk foods category?

- Product packages are required to be labeled with information on the principal display panel as required by law: a label displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product; the date the food product was processed; and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION".
- If the product sold is too small to have an easily read label, and/or is sold to be consumed on-site, a sign at the area where the product is sold shall be an acceptable alternative to a label.

- In addition, this exemption does not preclude the need for standard labeling information on the product label (name of product, net weight statement, name and address of the manufacturer, list of ingredients and subingredients, and possibly nutritional information).

4. Where can I sell these products and to whom can I sell them?

- From the private home where the product was manufactured, to an individual for his/her own consumption.
- At a farmers' markets to an individual for his/her own consumption.
- At a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days.

5. Where can I not sell these products?

- These products cannot be sold at any location other than the private home where they were manufactured, a farmers' market, or a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days as described above.
- As such, these products cannot be sold at locations including: to other businesses (including retail establishments such as grocery stores, supermarkets, and restaurants); for resale; on the internet; across state lines.

6. Can I advertise my products online?

- Yes. If using the home kitchen food processing exemption (Cottage Law), a business may advertise on the internet, but not "offer for sale" on the internet. The phrase "offered for sale" shall be interpreted by VDACS to mean the act of selling on the internet — see Question #7 below.
- An exempt business can, for example: maintain an online presence that provides lists, descriptions, photos, and video of their products; dates and locations of in-person sales opportunities; and price lists. Offer a telephone number, email address, or other messaging service (such as Messenger) where potential customers can reach the business and make arrangements for an in-person transaction (sale). During in-person transactions, accept electronic payment from customers, including via platforms such as PayPal, Venmo, Square, etc.

7. Can I sell my products online?

- No. If using the home kitchen food processing exemption (Cottage Law), a business cannot offer their products for sale online.
- An exempt business's online presence can not: contain an order form that can be filled out electronically; accept payment electronically; offer shipping information to ship product to anyone. Product may not be shipped from the business to a customer by mail or other parcel courier.

8. Am I required to pay the annual $40.00 fee to the agency?

- No. Although you are still required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, since you are exempt from the agency's periodic inspections, you will no longer be required to pay the annual fee. If you receive a bill from VDACS requesting that you pay the annual fee, please contact our agency at 804-786-3520 or foodsafety@vdacs.virginia.gov so that the matter can be resolved.

II. Acidified Foods (§ 3.2-5130, Item C.4)

1. What types of food products are allowed under this exemption?

- Pickles that have an equilibrium pH of 4.6 or lower.
- Acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH of 4.6 or lower.
- Acidified vegetable products include pickled products, salsa, chow-chow, relishes and similar vegetables.

2. Where can I make these acidified food products?

- In your own private home

3. What types of food products are not allowed under this exemption?

- Canned fermented foods
- Canned foods that require refrigeration for safety
- Canned acid foods
- Canned fruits
- Low-acid canned vegetables

4. How much acidified product can I sell?

- Producers of acidified foods must not exceed $9,000 in total annual gross sales for all acidified products produced. Producers should carefully document the amount of product sales incurred on an ongoing basis so that the information will be available for examination by VDACS.

5. What special precautions do I need to take in making pickles and acidified vegetables under this exemption?

- To reduce the likelihood of foodborne illness, home-canned acidified food must have an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower to inhibit the growth and formation of toxins from the bacteria that cause botulism. In order to ensure that your product achieves the proper pH, an electronic pH meter should be purchased so that you can test the product to make certain that it is at a pH of 4.6 or lower.
- The home food processor is responsible for determining whether the product is an acidified food. We strongly advise that you have your manufacturing process reviewed and validated by a competent process authority. Home processors are strongly encouraged to complete a recognized Better Process Control School course. Information can be found in the Helpful Links section below.

6. What are the labeling requirements for pickles and acidified vegetables?

- Product containers are required to be labeled with information on the principal display panel as required by law: a label displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product; the date the food product was processed; and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION".
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Additional Information Regarding pH

What is pH?

- pH is a measurement of acidity or alkalinity using a numerical scale between 1 and 14. A pH value of 1 is most acidic, a pH value of 7 is neutral and values above 7 are referred to as basic or alkaline.

How is pH measured?

- Electronic pH meters are very accurate and pocket-sized units are available for around $100.
- Paper strips are NOT accurate enough to measure acidity of home-canned and home-processed foods.

What is equilibrium pH?

- The pH of a food product after the food acid (e.g., vinegar) is distributed equally throughout the product.
- For example, the initial pH of the pickled cucumber that has been recently canned, will not be the same hours or days later. It takes time for the vinegar (which is acid) to penetrate and distribute into the cucumbers. Therefore, testing the pH of only the brine (liquid) portion of a recently canned and processed product is not accurate.

How do you determine a product's equilibrium pH?

- For foods canned and processed less than 2 months: food sample needs to be finely ground in a blender prior to pH testing.
- For foods with a process date greater than 2 months: pH may be taken of the brine only since all contents of the canned product should be in equilibrium.

Who can test for pH?

- The person that processed the food as long as they are capable of performing an accurate pH test.
- When testing, follow the same recipe and procedures for each batch of food to be tested.
- A separate pH test is required for each different product offered for sale under this exemption.
- Private laboratories.
- Universities.

Examples of pH for different foods

- Dill pickles (pH 2.6-3.8)
- Tomatoes (pH 3.7-4.9)
- Distilled water (pH 7)
- Garlic (pH 5.3-6.3)

III. Honey Processing (§ 3.2-5130, Item C.5)

1. What are the criteria for the exemption?

- Private homes where the resident processes and prepares pure honey produced by his own hives.
- The resident sells less than 250 gallons of honey annually.
- The resident does not process and sell other food products in addition to the honey, except as allowed above (low risk foods and acidified foods).

2. Where can I process honey?

- In your own private home

3. What types of home-processed honey products are NOT allowed?

- Infused honey products would not fall under the exemption as they are considered value-added honey products, not pure honey.

4. What are the labeling requirements for home-processed honey?

- The product is labeled "PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION. WARNING: Do Not Feed Honey to Infants Under One Year Old."
- In addition, this exemption does not preclude the need for standard labeling information on the product label (name of product, net weight statement, name and address of the manufacturer, list of ingredients and subingredients and possibly nutritional information).

5. Where can I sell these products and to whom can I sell them?

- Currently there are not restrictions regarding where the products can be sold and who they may be sold to.

IV. Helpful Links

Assistance with locating a processing authority

- Complete list of process authorities: https://www.afdo.org/directories/fpa/
- Virginia Tech: https://www.fst.vt.edu/extension/foodbiz.html

Links for information regarding Better Process School

- University of Tennessee: https://foodscience.tennessee.edu/better-process-control-school-course
- Grocery Manufacturers Association: https://consumerbrandsassociation.org/about-us/programs-initiatives/ better-process-control-school/

Home Canning Information

- USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning: https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

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Executive summary

This report covers the Virginia 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 134 Virginia counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
Tiered

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

KITCHEN INSPECTION
No

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

RESEARCH NOTES
Statute text retrieved directly from Virginia Law (law.lis.virginia.gov). The page was dated 4/1/2026 indicating current text. Two tiers apply: (1) Non-acidified cottage foods (baked goods, candy, etc.) — no stated dollar cap, but pickles/acidified vegetables are capped at $9,000/year (subdivision 4), one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US. The all-caps label requirement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' is a distinctive Virginia requirement. Honey is covered under a separate subdivision (5) at under 250 gallons annually. The D. subsection confirms that exempt parties are not subject to permit/inspection requirements but the Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT VIRGINIA

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
Tiered

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

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 VIRGINIA

- Virginia (Good tier) — annual sales cap: Tiered.
- 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 Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Registration required: No.
- Direct vs indirect sales: No (Products must be sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment. They cannot be offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments. Sales venues are limited to: private home, temporary event (no more than 14 consecutive days), or farmers market. Internet advertising is explicitly permitted but sales must remain in-person and in-state.).

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 Virginia.

Code of Virginia, Title 3.2 Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food, Chapter 51 Food and Drink, §3.2-5130 Inspections required to operate food establishment

CITATION
Va. Code §3.2-5130

ENACTED
unknown

LAST AMENDED
2026

CONFIDENCE
HIGH

Allowed foods

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private homes including candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods that do not require temperature control. Pickles and acidified vegetables with equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower are allowed with a $9,000 annual gross sales cap. Honey from own hives under 250 gallons per year is also allowed under a separate provision.

Prohibited foods

Time/temperature control foods (TCS foods) are prohibited. Pickles and acidified vegetables are subject to a $9,000 annual cap (among the lowest in the US). Products cannot be resold, consigned, or sold into retail food establishments. The general non-acidified cottage food category has no stated dollar cap.

Labeling requirements

Label must be affixed to the principal display panel (or a sign for small packages) and must include: name of the person preparing the food, physical address, telephone number, date the food product was processed, and the all-caps statement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' The all-caps requirement is distinctive among US cottage food laws.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

C. The provisions of subsections A and B shall not apply to: 3. Private homes where the resident processes and prepares candies, jams, and jellies not considered to be low-acid or acidified low-acid food products, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, coated and uncoated nuts, vinegars and flavored vinegars, popcorn, popcorn balls, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods if such products are (i) those that do not require time or temperature control after preparation; (ii) sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment; (iii) sold at the private home, at a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days, or at a farmers market; (iv) not offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments; and (v) affixed with a label placed on the principal display panel or, for a product in packaging not large enough to bear such a label, offered for sale with a sign displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product, the date the food product was processed, and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION." 4. Private homes where the resident processes and prepares pickles and other acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower if such products are (i) sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment; (ii) sold at the private home, at a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days, or at a farmers market; (iii) not offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments; (iv) affixed with a label placed on the principal display panel displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product, the date the food product was processed, and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION"; and (v) not exceeding $9,000 in gross sales in a calendar year.

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

Official sources

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

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

Extension service https://www.fcs.ext.vt.edu/

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

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 134 Virginia 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.

VIRGINIA: ACCOMACK COUNTY

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Accomack County

Population 33,411 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Accomack County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Accomack County is on Virginia's Eastern Shore, a rural peninsula. The county has a local farmers market scene. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally — contact Accomack County administrator for any local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Accomack County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Accomack County is on Virginia's Eastern Shore, a rural peninsula. The county has a local farmers market scene. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally — contact Accomack County administrator for any local business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: ALBEMARLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1683* · FIPS 51003 · Charlottesville

Albemarle County

Population 112,513 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130; no stated dollar cap for standard cottage foods; $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables; no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; non-TCS shelf-stable foods · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection. Direct sales only (no resale/consignment). All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Albemarle County requires a Home Occupation Clearance for home-based businesses, plus a Business License.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Albemarle County requires a Home Occupation Clearance for all home-based businesses regardless of profitability. Two categories: Rural Area and Residential District, each with different client/customer visit limits (Rural Area: up to 10 students/visitors per week; Residential District: up to 7). Clearance required even if the business is run from dining table. Additionally, a Business License is required from Albemarle County Finance Department (434-296-5851). Apply for Home Occupation Clearance at albemarle.org/government/community-development/apply-for/home-occupations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Virginia §3.2-5130: Department may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection. Direct sales only (no resale/consignment). All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Albemarle County requires a Home Occupation Clearance for home-based businesses, plus a Business License.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification under Virginia cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. Pickles/acidified vegetables with pH ≤4.6 allowed but subject to $9,000/year cap.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Virginia §3.2-5130: Department may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Albemarle County requires a Home Occupation Clearance for all home-based businesses regardless of profitability. Two categories: Rural Area and Residential District, each with different client/customer visit limits (Rural Area: up to 10 students/visitors per week; Residential District: up to 7). Clearance required even if the business is run from dining table. Additionally, a Business License is required from Albemarle County Finance Department (434-296-5851). Apply for Home Occupation Clearance at albemarle.org/government/community-development/apply-for/home-occupations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online (no resale to retail/restaurants). Customer pickup permitted subject to Albemarle County Home Occupation Clearance conditions and client visit limits.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Albemarle County home occupation: depends on Rural Area vs. Residential District classification. Contact county for specifics. No state limit on employees for cottage food.

Relevant county code

Albemarle County Code §26-279 (Home Occupations); Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

County-specific data confirmed from official Albemarle County government website (albemarle.org). Both a Home Occupation Clearance AND a Business License are required per official FAQ. Rural Area vs. Residential District rules vary client visit limits. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is Charlottesville (independent city adjacent to county; the county surrounds Charlottesville). Virginia's distinctive all-caps label requirement and $9,000 pickle/acidified vegetable cap are state baseline features. Confidence high: both state law and county requirements confirmed from official .gov sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.albemarle.org/government/community-development/apply-for/home-occupations
https://www.albemarle.org
https://www.albemarle.org/government/community-development/apply-for/home-occupations
https://albemarle1.prod-as.govaccess.org/government/community-development/learn-more-about/home-occupations
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: ALEXANDRIA CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2830* · FIPS 51510 · Alexandria

Alexandria city

Population 157,594 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Virginia §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption applies. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed (limited list). Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Must label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Virginia's Cottage Food Law effective 2023 allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit. Home occupation permit and BPOL (business license) required by Alexandria City. Zoning approval required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

If pets present, food processing/storage areas must be enclosed/separated with a latching door (for VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Alexandria City requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in most zones (per CityRuleLookup, sourced from Alexandria Code of Ordinances via Municode, verified March 2026). Exterior signage generally prohibited for home occupations. BPOL (business license) also required. Customer traffic limits apply. Zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Alexandria City generally prohibits exterior business signage for home-based businesses.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Virginia §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption applies. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed (limited list). Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Must label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Virginia's Cottage Food Law effective 2023 allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit. Home occupation permit and BPOL (business license) required by Alexandria City. Zoning approval required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	If pets present, food processing/storage areas must be enclosed/separated with a latching door (for VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway).
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform bacteria test for VDACS Home Food Processing permit. No testing required under §3.2-5130 exemption.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only under cottage food exemption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Alexandria City requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in most zones (per CityRuleLookup, sourced from Alexandria Code of Ordinances via Municode, verified March 2026). Exterior signage generally prohibited for home occupations. BPOL (business license) also required. Customer traffic limits apply. Zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Alexandria City generally prohibits exterior business signage for home-based businesses.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under §3.2-5130 exemption: direct-to-consumer sales only; no resale. Under VDACS permit: broader sales allowed. Customer traffic to home businesses limited in Alexandria City to preserve residential character.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation rules in Alexandria City restrict on-site non-resident employees; residence must remain primarily residential.

Relevant county code

Alexandria Code of Ordinances (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130; VA Code §15.2-2280

RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large independent city. Alexandria City requires home occupation permit and BPOL business license for home-based businesses. Exterior signage prohibited. Customer traffic restricted. Virginia cottage food law (2023) allows cottage food without food establishment permit but local home occupation rules still apply. No specific county-level health department (Virginia independent city). Sources include VDACS application PDF, CityRuleLookup (sourced from Alexandria Code of Ordinances, verified March 2026).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.alexandriava.gov
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/alexandria-city-va
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/alexandria-city-va
https://library.municode.com/

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VIRGINIA: ALLEGHANY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #374* · FIPS 51005 · —

Alleghany County

Population 14,632 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Alleghany County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Alleghany County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Alleghany County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Alleghany County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: AMELIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #373* · FIPS 51007 · Amelia Court House

Amelia County

Population 13,716 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Amelia County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Amelia County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Amelia County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Amelia County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: AMHERST COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #371* · FIPS 51009 · Amherst

Amherst County

Population 31,650 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Amherst County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Amherst County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Amherst County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Amherst County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: APPOMATTOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #346* · FIPS 51011 · Appomattox

Appomattox County

Population 16,957 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Appomattox County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Appomattox County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Appomattox County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Appomattox County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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VIRGINIA: ARLINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2172* · FIPS 51013 · Arlington

Arlington County

Population 235,845 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required for general cottage foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label requirement. Arlington County explicitly lists 'Food Preparation and Home Occupations' as a permitted home occupation, but requires a Home Occupation Permit from Arlington's Permit Arlington system.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Arlington County requires a Home Occupation Permit for food preparation home occupations, submitted online via Permit Arlington. 'Food Preparation and Home Occupations' is explicitly listed as a permitted home occupation per Arlington Zoning Ordinance §12.9.11. Application fee applies per Arlington fee schedule. Restaurants and tearooms are explicitly NOT permitted as home occupations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required for general cottage foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label requirement. Arlington County explicitly lists 'Food Preparation and Home Occupations' as a permitted home occupation, but requires a Home Occupation Permit from Arlington's Permit Arlington system.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; extensive prohibited list (TCS foods, dairy, meat, fish)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Arlington County requires a Home Occupation Permit for food preparation home occupations, submitted online via Permit Arlington. 'Food Preparation and Home Occupations' is explicitly listed as a permitted home occupation per Arlington Zoning Ordinance §12.9.11. Application fee applies per Arlington fee schedule. Restaurants and tearooms are explicitly NOT permitted as home occupations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only per VA state law; no retail consignment. Check Arlington zoning for customer visit limits.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute; Arlington home occupation rules may limit non-resident employees

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; Arlington County Zoning Ordinance §12.9.11 (Home Occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Arlington County has a specific Home Occupation Permit page (arlingtonva.us) with 'Food Preparation and Home Occupations' explicitly listed as a permitted home occupation category. The county requires online permit application via Permit Arlington system under §12.9.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. Restaurants and tearooms explicitly excluded. This is one of the few counties in the batch with confirmed specific cottage food / food prep home occupation language from a county .gov source. Virginia state $9,000 pickle cap applies. Confidence high due to specific Arlington County .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Building/Permits/Home-Occupation
https://www.arlingtonva.us
https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Building/Permits/Home-Occupation
https://building.arlingtonva.us/resource/food-preparation-home-occupations
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml

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VIRGINIA: AUGUSTA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1615* · FIPS 51015 · —

Augusta County

Population 77,433 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.
SEPARATE 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-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Augusta County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Augusta County-specific cottage food ordinance found. County seat field is blank in source data — Augusta County is unique in Virginia as the county seat (Staunton) is a separate independent city.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. No sales to retail food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Augusta County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BATH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #317* · FIPS 51017 · Warm Springs

Bath County

Population 4,071 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Bath County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Bath County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Bath County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Bath County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BEDFORD CITY

CROSODO INDEX #392* · FIPS 51515 · —

Bedford city

Population — · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Bedford city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Bedford city is a small independent city in Virginia. As an independent city, it operates its own zoning and business licensing separate from Bedford County. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Bedford City Hall for any local business license requirements ($30-$100 typical).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Bedford city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Bedford city is a small independent city in Virginia. As an independent city, it operates its own zoning and business licensing separate from Bedford County. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Bedford City Hall for any local business license requirements ($30-$100 typical).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BEDFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1611* · FIPS 51019 · Bedford

Bedford County

Population 79,761 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Only non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to separate $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state-level permit required for cottage food operations. Bedford County zoning ordinances may require a home occupation permit. No Bedford County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Only non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to separate $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No specific food handler certification required at state level for basic cottage food category.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required for cottage food operations. Bedford County zoning ordinances may require a home occupation permit. No Bedford 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 sales to consumers only. No resale, consignment, or sales to retail food establishments. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year annual gross sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Bedford County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows non-TCS shelf-stable foods from home kitchens with no state permit or inspection required. Pickles and acidified vegetables have a $9,000/year cap—one of the lowest in the US. No Bedford County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Local zoning may require home occupation permits. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #321* · FIPS 51021 · Bland

Bland County

Population 6,186 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Bland County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Bland County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Bland County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Bland County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BOTETOURT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #314* · FIPS 51023 · Fincastle

Botetourt County

Population 34,129 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Botetourt County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Botetourt County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Botetourt County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Botetourt County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BRISTOL CITY

CROSODO INDEX #385* · FIPS 51520 · Bristol

Bristol city

Population 16,316 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Bristol city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Bristol is an independent city straddling the Virginia/Tennessee border. Virginia cottage food sales are restricted to the Virginia side and cannot be conducted as online transactions. Contact Bristol City Hall for local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Bristol city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Bristol is an independent city straddling the Virginia/Tennessee border. Virginia cottage food sales are restricted to the Virginia side and cannot be conducted as online transactions. Contact Bristol City Hall for local business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BRUNSWICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #319* · FIPS 51025 · Lawrenceville

Brunswick County

Population 15,750 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Brunswick County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Brunswick County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Brunswick County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Brunswick County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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VIRGINIA: BUCHANAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #307* · FIPS 51027 · Grundy

Buchanan County

Population 18,632 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Buchanan County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Buchanan County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Buchanan County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Buchanan County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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VIRGINIA: BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #322* · FIPS 51029 · Buckingham

Buckingham County

Population 17,115 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Buckingham County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Buckingham County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Buckingham County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Buckingham County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: BUENA VISTA CITY

CROSODO INDEX #394* · FIPS 51530 · Buena Vista

Buena Vista city

Population 6,581 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Buena Vista city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Buena Vista is a small independent city in the Shenandoah Valley near Lexington. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally — contact Buena Vista City Hall for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Buena Vista city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Buena Vista is a small independent city in the Shenandoah Valley near Lexington. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally — contact Buena Vista City Hall for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CAMPBELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1664* · FIPS 51031 · Rustburg

Campbell County

Population 55,518 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only; no wholesale or retail resale. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific VA state or Campbell County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Campbell County is adjacent to Lynchburg and may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. No specific Campbell County cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Campbell County government in Rustburg.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only; no wholesale or retail resale. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific VA state or Campbell County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement; standard practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Mandatory label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Campbell County is adjacent to Lynchburg and may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. No specific Campbell County cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Campbell County government in Rustburg.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only to end consumers. No consignment or retail store sales. Products must carry required label language.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in VA statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; no Campbell County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Campbell County is a rural county surrounding Lynchburg in central Virginia. No county-specific cottage food rules found. Virginia's distinctive requirements include the mandatory label language 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' and the extremely low $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables (one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US). General non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CAROLINE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #305* · FIPS 51033 · Bowling Green

Caroline County

Population 33,477 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Caroline County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Caroline County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Caroline County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Caroline County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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VIRGINIA: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #313* · FIPS 51035 · Hillsville

Carroll County

Population 29,242 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Carroll County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Carroll County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Carroll County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Carroll County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CHARLES CITY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #320* · FIPS 51036 · Charles City

Charles City County

Population 6,564 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Charles City County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Charles City County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Charles City County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Charles City County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CHARLOTTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #323* · FIPS 51037 · Charlotte Court House

Charlotte County

Population 11,258 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Charlotte County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Charlotte County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Charlotte County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Charlotte County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY

CROSODO INDEX #426* · FIPS 51540 · Charlottesville

Charlottesville city

Population 44,767 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Charlottesville city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Charlottesville is an independent city with an active food culture and multiple farmers markets (including the City Market on Water Street). Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally; Charlottesville may require a local business license. The Charlottesville City Market is a primary sales venue for cottage food producers.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Charlottesville city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Charlottesville is an independent city with an active food culture and multiple farmers markets (including the City Market on Water Street). Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally; Charlottesville may require a local business license. The Charlottesville City Market is a primary sales venue for cottage food producers.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CHESAPEAKE CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1829* · FIPS 51550 · Chesapeake

Chesapeake city

Population 249,377 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required for general non-acidified cottage foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Direct sales to consumers only. No resale/consignment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City of Chesapeake may require home occupation permit under Chesapeake zoning ordinance. As an independent city, Chesapeake administers its own zoning. Check with Chesapeake Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Department may inspect upon consumer complaint)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required for general non-acidified cottage foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Direct sales to consumers only. No resale/consignment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; extensive prohibited list including TCS foods, dairy, meat, fish

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Department may inspect upon consumer complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of Chesapeake may require home occupation permit under Chesapeake zoning ordinance. As an independent city, Chesapeake administers its own zoning. Check with Chesapeake Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only at home, farmers markets, events. No retail store sales, no consignment, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; City of Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Chesapeake is an independent Virginia city (not a county) that functions as its own local government. Follows Virginia state baseline (Va. Code §3.2-5130). Virginia has a notably low $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Chesapeake city .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.cityofchesapeake.net

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2278* · FIPS 51041 · Chesterfield

Chesterfield County

Population 366,019 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection. Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Chesterfield County requires compliance with home occupation zoning rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Chesterfield County has home occupation provisions in its zoning ordinance. Operators should verify with Chesterfield County Planning Department (chesterfield.gov) whether a home occupation permit is required. Generally, home-based businesses in residential zones must be secondary to residential use, no external evidence of business, limited customer traffic, no employees other than family.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection. Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Chesterfield County requires compliance with home occupation zoning rules.
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 products. No TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Chesterfield County has home occupation provisions in its zoning ordinance. Operators should verify with Chesterfield County Planning Department (chesterfield.gov) whether a home occupation permit is required. Generally, home-based businesses in residential zones must be secondary to residential use, no external evidence of business, limited customer traffic, no employees other than family.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. No resale or sales to retail food establishments. Farmers markets, roadside stands, home delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only family members; no outside employees for home occupation.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (state cottage food); Chesterfield County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Virginia state cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) confirmed from state baseline. Chesterfield County (suburban Richmond) follows state baseline. No registration required for non-acidified cottage foods. Pickles/acidified cap is $9,000/year. County home occupation rules apply. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Chesterfield County-specific zoning details not directly verified from .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.chesterfield.gov

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

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VIRGINIA: CLARKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #311* · FIPS 51043 · Berryville

Clarke County

Population 15,598 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
No (Clarke County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Clarke County is in the northern Shenandoah Valley near West Virginia/Maryland borders. Virginia cottage food law applies; contact Clarke County for any local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Clarke County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Clarke County is in the northern Shenandoah Valley near West Virginia/Maryland borders. Virginia cottage food law applies; contact Clarke County for any local business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY

CROSODO INDEX #427* · FIPS 51570 · Colonial Heights

Colonial Heights city

Population 18,674 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Colonial Heights city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Colonial Heights is a small independent city adjacent to Petersburg. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Colonial Heights City Hall for local home occupation permit and business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Colonial Heights city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Colonial Heights is a small independent city adjacent to Petersburg. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Colonial Heights City Hall for local home occupation permit and business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: COVINGTON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #433* · FIPS 51580 · Covington

Covington city

Population 5,663 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Covington city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Covington is a small independent city in the Alleghany Highlands area. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Covington City Hall for local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Covington city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Covington is a small independent city in the Alleghany Highlands area. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Covington City Hall for local business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CRAIG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #310* · FIPS 51045 · New Castle

Craig County

Population 4,829 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Craig County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Craig County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Craig County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Craig County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: CULPEPER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #686* · FIPS 51047 · Culpeper

Culpeper County

Population 52,822 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific VA or Culpeper County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Culpeper County is a growing exurban county north of Charlottesville in the Virginia Piedmont. County government URL provided (culpepercounty.gov). No specific Culpeper County cottage food ordinance identified beyond state framework. Contact Culpeper County Zoning or Community Development for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific VA or Culpeper County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Mandatory label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Culpeper County is a growing exurban county north of Charlottesville in the Virginia Piedmont. County government URL provided (culpepercounty.gov). No specific Culpeper County cottage food ordinance identified beyond state framework. Contact Culpeper County Zoning or Community Development for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No consignment or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in VA statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; no Culpeper County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Culpeper County is a growing exurban county with agricultural heritage in the Virginia Piedmont. The input batch had a county_govt_url (culpepercounty.gov) which was preserved. No county-specific cottage food pages found at that URL. Virginia state baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.culpepercounty.gov

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

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

https://www.culpepercounty.gov

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VIRGINIA: CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #309* · FIPS 51049 · Cumberland

Cumberland County

Population 10,062 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Cumberland County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Cumberland County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required at state level.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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 food safety practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Cumberland County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license ($30–$100/yr). Contact the Cumberland County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: DANVILLE CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1335* · FIPS 51590 · Danville

Danville city

Population 41,993 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear label: name, address, phone, date processed, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Danville city may require a local business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Danville city may require a local home occupation or business license. Operators should contact Danville city planning/zoning and the city clerk for local business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear label: name, address, phone, date processed, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Danville city may require a local business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard food safety practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (not time/temperature control for safety) shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Danville city may require a local home occupation or business license. Operators should contact Danville city planning/zoning and the city clerk for local business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale, no interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Danville city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Danville is a Virginia independent city. State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found. Local business license likely required; contact Danville city clerk. IJ notes local ordinances are not preempted by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.danvilleva.gov

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

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

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VIRGINIA: DICKENSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1383* · FIPS 51051 · Clintwood

Dickenson County

Population 13,411 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear the required label including the statement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Dickenson County may require a local business license. Operators should contact the Dickenson County administrator or county clerk for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear the required label including the statement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard food safety practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Dickenson County may require a local business license. Operators should contact the Dickenson County administrator or county clerk for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale, no interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Dickenson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Virginia county. State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found in search. Local business license likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.dickensoncounty.net

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: DINWIDDIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1382* · FIPS 51053 · Dinwiddie

Dinwiddie County

Population 28,576 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear the required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Dinwiddie County may require a local business license or home occupation permit. Contact the Dinwiddie County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear the required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard food safety practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Dinwiddie County may require a local business license or home occupation permit. Contact the Dinwiddie County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale, no interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Dinwiddie County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

South-central Virginia county near Petersburg. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found in search.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.dinwiddieva.us

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

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

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VIRGINIA: EMPORIA CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1344* · FIPS 51595 · Emporia

Emporia city

Population 5,402 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Emporia city may require a local business license. Contact Emporia city hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Emporia city may require a local business license. Contact Emporia city hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Emporia city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Emporia is a small Virginia independent city in Greensville County area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.emporiava.com

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

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

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VIRGINIA: ESSEX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1381* · FIPS 51057 · Tappahannock

Essex County

Population 10,683 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Essex County may require a local business license. Contact Essex County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Essex County may require a local business license. Contact Essex County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Essex County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Essex County is a rural Northern Neck area county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.essex-virginia.org

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: FAIRFAX CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1350* · FIPS 51600 · Fairfax

Fairfax city

Population 26,340 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fairfax (independent city, separate from Fairfax County) may require a local home occupation permit and business license. Note: Fairfax County (FIPS 51059) has a specific $135 home-based business administrative permit with a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form — this applies to Fairfax County, not the City of Fairfax.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Likely (City of Fairfax (independent city) likely requires a local home occupation permit and business license for home-based food businesses. Contact the City of Fairfax Planning Division and City Clerk for specific requirements. Note: Fairfax County's home-based business administrative permit ($135) does not apply to the independent City of Fairfax; the city has its own zoning ordinance.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fairfax (independent city, separate from Fairfax County) may require a local home occupation permit and business license. Note: Fairfax County (FIPS 51059) has a specific $135 home-based business administrative permit with a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form — this applies to Fairfax County, not the City of Fairfax.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Fairfax (independent city) likely requires a local home occupation permit and business license for home-based food businesses. Contact the City of Fairfax Planning Division and City Clerk for specific requirements. Note: Fairfax County's home-based business administrative permit ($135) does not apply to the independent City of Fairfax; the city has its own zoning ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No City of Fairfax-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs; local zoning may add requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

City of Fairfax is an independent city distinct from Fairfax County. Fairfax County's home-based business administrative permit program (§4102.7.H, $135 fee) applies to county, not city. City of Fairfax has its own zoning ordinance; specific local home occupation permit requirements not confirmed in search. State cottage food law governs baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/planning-zoning

https://www.fairfaxva.gov

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

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

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VIRGINIA: FAIRFAX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2776* · FIPS 51059 · —

Fairfax County

Population 1,145,354 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Fairfax County requires a Home-Based Business Permit with a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form for all home-based food operations. Small-scale food production is listed as a permitted home-based use in residential districts; however, sale and delivery must occur exclusively online or off-site (no on-site retail sales or customer pickup). The home occupation area cannot exceed 400 sq ft. Operators must also comply with VDACS and Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) regulations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Fairfax County requires a Home-Based Business Administrative Permit (zoning approval) for cottage food operations, plus a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form. A business license must be filed within 75 days of starting. Contact Zoning Permits Section at 703-222-1082. Home occupation area limited to 400 sq ft; no more than 1 non-resident employee (for single-family detached, 7am-6pm only). No non-resident employees for other dwelling types.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
No

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon complaint. FCHD may investigate cottage food product complaints. Home-based business permit requires a zoning inspection before certificate issuance.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Fairfax County requires a Home-Based Business Permit with a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form for all home-based food operations. Small-scale food production is listed as a permitted home-based use in residential districts; however, sale and delivery must occur exclusively online or off-site (no on-site retail sales or customer pickup). The home occupation area cannot exceed 400 sq ft. Operators must also comply with VDACS and Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) regulations.
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	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon complaint. FCHD may investigate cottage food product complaints. Home-based business permit requires a zoning inspection before certificate issuance.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Fairfax County requires a Home-Based Business Administrative Permit (zoning approval) for cottage food operations, plus a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form. A business license must be filed within 75 days of starting. Contact Zoning Permits Section at 703-222-1082. Home occupation area limited to 400 sq ft; no more than 1 non-resident employee (for single-family detached, 7am-6pm only). No non-resident employees for other dwelling types.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	No
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sale and delivery must occur exclusively online or off-site — on-site retail customer pickup is not permitted for home-based food production in Fairfax County residential districts.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee on-site for single-family detached dwellings (7am-6pm only); no non-resident employees for other dwelling types

Relevant county code

Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance §4102 (Home-Based Business); Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form

RESEARCH NOTES

Fairfax County is notably more restrictive than the state baseline for home-based food operations: requires a formal Home-Based Business Permit with a supplemental food production form, a business license, and a zoning inspection. On-site customer pickup is prohibited (online/off-site sales only). The county has its own local food code and a specific list of permitted cottage food products (operators must contact FCHD for product assessment if item is not on the list). One non-resident employee allowed only in single-family detached homes during 7am-6pm hours.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/sites/planning-development/files/assets/documents/zoning/home-based-food-production-supplemental-form.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/sites/code/files/assets/documents/pdf/home_based_business.pdf

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VIRGINIA: FALLS CHURCH CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1349* · FIPS 51610 · Falls Church

Falls Church city

Population 15,034 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Falls Church may require a local home occupation permit and business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Falls Church is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required for home-based food businesses. Contact Falls Church City Hall and Planning Division for specific requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Falls Church may require a local home occupation permit and business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Falls Church is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required for home-based food businesses. Contact Falls Church City Hall and Planning Division for specific requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Falls Church city-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Falls Church is one of Virginia's smallest independent cities. State cottage food law governs baseline. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found in search. Fairfaxcore.com guide specifically notes Falls Church City has different requirements from Fairfax County and refers users to the city-specific guide.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fallschurchva.gov/172/Planning-Zoning
https://www.fallschurchva.gov
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml

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VIRGINIA: FAUQUIER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1623* · FIPS 51061 · Warrenton

Fauquier County

Population 73,290 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state-level permit required. Fauquier County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. County government URL confirmed in input. No Fauquier County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Fauquier County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. County government URL confirmed in input. No Fauquier 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 sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. No sales to retail food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Fauquier County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fauquier County follows Virginia state cottage food law. County government URL confirmed in input. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county URL confirmed, no specific county ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fauquiercounty.gov

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

https://www.fauquiercounty.gov

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VIRGINIA: FLOYD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1379* · FIPS 51063 · Floyd

Floyd County

Population 15,658 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Floyd County may require a local business license. Contact Floyd County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Floyd County may require a local business license. Contact Floyd County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Floyd County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Floyd County is a rural Blue Ridge area county known for arts/crafts community. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.floydcova.org

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: FLUVANNA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1372* · FIPS 51065 · Palmyra

Fluvanna County

Population 28,746 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Fluvanna County may require a local business license. Contact Fluvanna County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Fluvanna County may require a local business license. Contact Fluvanna County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Fluvanna County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fluvanna County is a growing exurban county near Charlottesville. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fluvannacounty.org

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: FRANKLIN CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1348* · FIPS 51620 · Franklin

Franklin city

Population 8,373 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Franklin city may require a local business license. Contact Franklin city hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Franklin city may require a local business license. Contact Franklin city hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Franklin city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin is a small Virginia independent city in Southampton County area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.franklinva.com

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

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

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VIRGINIA: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1663* · FIPS 51067 · Rocky Mount

Franklin County

Population 54,838 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific VA or Franklin County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Franklin County is a rural Piedmont Virginia county. No specific Franklin County cottage food ordinance identified. County may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Franklin County government in Rocky Mount.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to separate $9,000 annual cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific VA or Franklin County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Mandatory label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Franklin County is a rural Piedmont Virginia county. No specific Franklin County cottage food ordinance identified. County may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Franklin County government in Rocky Mount.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No consignment or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in VA statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; no Franklin County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County is in the Blue Ridge foothills of Virginia. No county-specific cottage food rules found. Virginia state baseline applies. Notable: very low $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: FREDERICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2274* · FIPS 51069 · —

Frederick County

Population 92,007 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Frederick County (Northern Shenandoah Valley, adjacent to Winchester) has local home occupation zoning rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Frederick County (VA) may require a home occupation permit for cottage food operations depending on zoning district. Frederick County is adjacent to and wraps around Winchester City (independent city). Operators should check with Frederick County Planning at (540) 665-5651.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Frederick County (Northern Shenandoah Valley, adjacent to Winchester) has local home occupation zoning rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Virginia cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Frederick County (VA) may require a home occupation permit for cottage food operations depending on zoning district. Frederick County is adjacent to and wraps around Winchester City (independent city). Operators should check with Frederick County Planning at (540) 665-5651.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales; Frederick County home occupation rules govern customer visits. In-state online sales, farmers markets, events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Limited to residential character per local home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

Frederick County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); contact Planning at (540) 665-5651.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Frederick County (VA)-specific cottage food rules found beyond Virginia state baseline. Frederick County is in the Northern Shenandoah Valley; the county seat field is blank in the input data (Winchester is an independent city, not the county seat). The county seat is technically the Frederick County Government Center area. Local home occupation zoning applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: FREDERICKSBURG CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1347* · FIPS 51630 · Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg city

Population 29,992 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fredericksburg may require a local home occupation permit and business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Fredericksburg is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Fredericksburg City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fredericksburg may require a local home occupation permit and business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Fredericksburg is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Fredericksburg City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Fredericksburg city-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fredericksburg is an independent city with its own zoning code. State cottage food law governs baseline. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found in search. Local home occupation zoning compliance and business license likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/186/Planning

https://www.fredericksburgva.gov

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

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

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VIRGINIA: GALAX CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1346* · FIPS 51640 · Galax

Galax city

Population 6,739 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Galax city may require a local business license. Contact Galax city hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Galax city may require a local business license. Contact Galax city hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Galax city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Galax is a small independent city in the Blue Ridge area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.galaxva.com

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: GILES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1378* · FIPS 51071 · Pearisburg

Giles County

Population 16,533 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Giles County may require a local business license. Contact Giles County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Giles County may require a local business license. Contact Giles County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Giles County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Giles County is a rural southwestern Virginia county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gilescounty.org

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

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

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VIRGINIA: GLOUCESTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1377* · FIPS 51073 · Gloucester Court House

Gloucester County

Population 40,154 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Gloucester County may require a local business license. Contact Gloucester County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Gloucester County may require a local business license. Contact Gloucester County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Gloucester County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Gloucester County is a Middle Peninsula county near the York River. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gloucesterva.info

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: GOOCHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1376* · FIPS 51075 · Goochland

Goochland County

Population 28,223 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Goochland County may require a local business license. Contact Goochland County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Goochland County may require a local business license. Contact Goochland County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Goochland County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Goochland County is an exurban Richmond-area county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.goochlandva.us

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: GRAYSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1375* · FIPS 51077 · Independence

Grayson County

Population 15,265 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Grayson County may require a local business license. Contact Grayson County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Grayson County may require a local business license. Contact Grayson County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Grayson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Grayson County is a rural southwestern Virginia county near the NC border. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.graysoncountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: GREENE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1374* · FIPS 51079 · Stanardsville

Greene County

Population 21,744 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Greene County may require a local business license. Contact Greene County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Greene County may require a local business license. Contact Greene County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Greene County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Greene County is a rural Shenandoah Valley foothills county near Charlottesville. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gcva.us

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: GREENSVILLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1373* · FIPS 51081 · Emporia

Greensville County

Population 11,150 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Greensville County may require a local business license. Contact Greensville County administrator for local requirements. Note: the independent city of Emporia is the county seat but is a separate jurisdiction.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Greensville County may require a local business license. Contact Greensville County administrator for local requirements. Note: the independent city of Emporia is the county seat but is a separate jurisdiction.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Greensville County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Greensville County is in south-central Virginia near the NC border. The city of Emporia is the county seat but is an independent city (FIPS 51595). State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.greensvillecountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: HALIFAX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1371* · FIPS 51083 · Halifax

Halifax County

Population 33,448 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Halifax County may require a local business license. Contact Halifax County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Halifax County may require a local business license. Contact Halifax County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Halifax County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Halifax County is in southside Virginia near the NC border. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.halifaxva.com

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: HAMPTON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1574* · FIPS 51650 · Hampton

Hampton city

Population 137,217 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000 annual gross sales. Products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Hampton city zoning ordinance may impose home occupation requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Hampton is an independent city (not a county) in Virginia. Hampton city's zoning ordinance governs home-based businesses. A home occupation permit may be required. Check Hampton city government at hampton.gov for current home occupation ordinance provisions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000 annual gross sales. Products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Hampton city zoning ordinance may impose home occupation requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hampton is an independent city (not a county) in Virginia. Hampton city's zoning ordinance governs home-based businesses. A home occupation permit may be required. Check Hampton city government at hampton.gov for current home occupation ordinance provisions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and online with local delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

Hampton City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (VA) confirmed. Hampton is a Virginia independent city (not part of a county) — functions as both city and county. Hampton city govt URL confirmed (hampton.gov). No specific city-level cottage food ordinance found via research. Hampton is a mid-sized coastal city in the Hampton Roads metro area. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://hampton.gov

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

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

https://hampton.gov

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

VIRGINIA: HANOVER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #964* · FIPS 51085 · Hanover

Hanover County

Population 110,513 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130; no stated dollar cap for standard cottage foods; $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables; no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; non-TCS shelf-stable foods · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection. Direct sales only. All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Hanover County home-based businesses are subject to zoning with home occupation provisions under §26-279.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Hanover County home-based businesses are regulated under §26-279 of the Hanover County Zoning Ordinance. Home occupations in main buildings and accessory buildings/home craft shops are addressed under this section. Some home businesses may require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Per Hanover County FAQ: 'Some home businesses require a special permit.' Contact Hanover County Planning at hanovercounty.gov for whether cottage food qualifies as permitted by-right or requires CUP.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Virginia §3.2-5130: Department may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection. Direct sales only. All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Hanover County home-based businesses are subject to zoning with home occupation provisions under §26-279.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification under Virginia cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. Pickles/acidified vegetables with pH ≤4.6 allowed but with $9,000/year cap.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Virginia §3.2-5130: Department may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Hanover County home-based businesses are regulated under §26-279 of the Hanover County Zoning Ordinance. Home occupations in main buildings and accessory buildings/home craft shops are addressed under this section. Some home businesses may require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Per Hanover County FAQ: 'Some home businesses require a special permit.' Contact Hanover County Planning at hanovercounty.gov for whether cottage food qualifies as permitted by-right or requires CUP.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online (no resale). Customer pickup permitted subject to Hanover County home occupation conditions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Hanover County home occupation zoning §26-279 specifies limits; details not retrieved. Contact Hanover County Planning for specifics.

Relevant county code

Hanover County Zoning Ordinance §26-279 (Home Occupations); Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

County-specific data confirmed from official Hanover County government website (hanovercounty.gov). Zoning ordinance §26-279 confirmed to govern home occupations including home craft shops and retail sales conducted as a home occupation. Home businesses may require CUP in some cases per official FAQ. Virginia's distinctive all-caps label requirement and $9,000 pickle cap are state baseline features. Hanover County is a northern Richmond suburb, fast-growing. Confidence high: both state law and county zoning requirements confirmed from official .gov and secondary sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.hanovercounty.gov
https://www.hanovercounty.gov
https://www.hanovercounty.gov/m/FAQ
https://engage.hanovercounty.gov/w26672
https://www.zoneomics.com/code/hanover-county-unincorporated-VA/chapter_3
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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

VIRGINIA: HARRISONBURG CITY

CROSODO INDEX #717* · FIPS 51660 · Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg city

Population 51,784 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be primary private home. Products must be non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed with $9,000 annual cap. No TCS foods. No resale/consignment. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Harrisonburg is an independent city with its own zoning code. Home occupation permit or business license may be required for operating a cottage food business from a residential address. Recommend verifying with Harrisonburg Planning/Zoning Department and City Treasurer's Office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be primary private home. Products must be non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed with $9,000 annual cap. No TCS foods. No resale/consignment. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; not explicitly required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Harrisonburg is an independent city with its own zoning code. Home occupation permit or business license may be required for operating a cottage food business from a residential address. Recommend verifying with Harrisonburg Planning/Zoning Department and City Treasurer's Office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No resale or consignment through retail food establishments. Label with all-caps disclaimer required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; Harrisonburg City Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Harrisonburg is a Virginia independent city (not a county). State law allows cottage food from home without inspection or registration. The all-caps label disclaimer is a distinctive Virginia requirement. No Harrisonburg city-specific cottage food rules found; city home occupation permit may be required. Note: general Virginia law has no stated dollar cap for non-acidified cottage foods, but pickles/acidified vegetables are capped at $9,000/year, one of the lowest in the US.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: HENRICO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #738* · FIPS 51087 · Richmond (independent city; county seat is unincorporated)

Henrico County

Population 333,120 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130; no registration required; tiered sales cap; direct sales only; no inspection required · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; direct-to-consumer sales only; tiered annual sales cap; zoning approval documentation required if seeking VDACS home food processing permit)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Good sanitation required; no specific state pet rule for cottage food exemption

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (VDACS permit application requires zoning approval documentation. Henrico County note: catering operations from a residence are prohibited per zoning restrictions (per henrico.gov). Cottage food direct sales under §3.2-5130 exemption may be treated differently than catering. Operator should confirm with Henrico County zoning/planning department)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under §3.2-5130 exemption)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; direct-to-consumer sales only; tiered annual sales cap; zoning approval documentation required if seeking VDACS home food processing permit
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Good sanitation required; no specific state pet rule for cottage food exemption
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under §3.2-5130 exemption
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — VDACS permit application requires zoning approval documentation. Henrico County note: catering operations from a residence are prohibited per zoning restrictions (per henrico.gov). Cottage food direct sales under §3.2-5130 exemption may be treated differently than catering. Operator should confirm with Henrico County zoning/planning department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; no retail/ wholesale sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified; henrico.gov/services/foodservice-permit-application notes catering from residence prohibited by zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Henrico County explicitly prohibits catering from residences per zoning (confirmed on county website). Cottage food exemption under §3.2-5130 is a simpler pathway that does not require VDACS permit, but zoning implications for home-based food sales should be confirmed with county planning. Direct sales-only state restriction noted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://henrico.us

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

https://henrico.gov/services/foodservice-permit-application/

https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/homefdapplication.pdf

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

VIRGINIA: HENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #678* · FIPS 51089 · Martinsville

Henry County

Population 50,760 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be primary private home. Products must be non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed with $9,000 annual cap. No TCS foods. No resale/consignment. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Henry County may have home occupation zoning requirements. The City of Martinsville (an independent city adjacent to Henry County) has separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Henry County Planning and Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be primary private home. Products must be non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed with $9,000 annual cap. No TCS foods. No resale/consignment. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; not explicitly required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Henry County may have home occupation zoning requirements. The City of Martinsville (an independent city adjacent to Henry County) has separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Henry County Planning and Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No resale or consignment through retail food establishments. All-caps label disclaimer required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; Henry County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Virginia state law allows cottage food from home without inspection or registration. No Henry County-specific cottage food rules found. Note: county_seat field in input was blank; county seat is Martinsville (an independent city). The $9,000 cap for acidified/pickle products is among the lowest in the US.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: HIGHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1353* · FIPS 51091 · Monterey

Highland County

Population 2,348 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Highland County may require a local business license. Contact Highland County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Highland County may require a local business license. Contact Highland County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Highland County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Highland County is Virginia's least populated county, in the Allegheny Mountains. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.highlandcounty.org

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: HOPEWELL CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1345* · FIPS 51670 · Hopewell

Hopewell city

Population 22,970 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Hopewell city may require a local home occupation permit and business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Hopewell is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Hopewell City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Hopewell city may require a local home occupation permit and business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Hopewell is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Hopewell City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Hopewell city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hopewell is an independent city near Petersburg. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.hopewellva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1352* · FIPS 51093 · Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight County

Population 40,942 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Isle of Wight County may require a local business license. Contact Isle of Wight County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Isle of Wight County may require a local business license. Contact Isle of Wight County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Isle of Wight County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Isle of Wight County is in southeastern Virginia near Suffolk. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.isleofwightus.net

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/isle-of-wight-county-discuss

VIRGINIA: JAMES CITY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1612* · FIPS 51095 · —

James City County

Population 78,818 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state-level permit required. James City County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No James City County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.
SEPARATE 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-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. James City County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No James City 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 sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. No sales to retail food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No James City County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

James City County follows Virginia state cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130). No county seat listed in input data. County has no separate county seat as it is in the Williamsburg area but James City County itself has no incorporated county seat. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: KING AND QUEEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1351* · FIPS 51097 · King and Queen Court House

King and Queen County

Population 6,747 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King and Queen County may require a local business license. Contact King and Queen County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King and Queen County may require a local business license. Contact King and Queen County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No King and Queen County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King and Queen County is a very rural Middle Peninsula county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kingandqueenco.net

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

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/king-and-queen-county-discuss

VIRGINIA: KING GEORGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1332* · FIPS 51099 · King George

King George County

Population 28,816 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King George County may require a local business license. Contact King George County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King George County may require a local business license. Contact King George County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No King George County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King George County is in the Northern Neck area near Fredericksburg. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kinggeorgecounty.us

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: KING WILLIAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1331* · FIPS 51101 · King William

King William County

Population 19,232 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King William County may require a local business license. Contact King William County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King William County may require a local business license. Contact King William County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No King William County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King William County is a rural Middle Peninsula county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kingwilliamcounty.us

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LANCASTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1330* · FIPS 51103 · Lancaster

Lancaster County

Population 11,062 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lancaster County may require a local business license. Contact Lancaster County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lancaster County may require a local business license. Contact Lancaster County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Lancaster County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lancaster County is on Virginia's Northern Neck peninsula. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lancastercountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1329* · FIPS 51105 · Jonesville

Lee County

Population 21,780 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lee County may require a local business license. Contact Lee County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lee County may require a local business license. Contact Lee County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Lee County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lee County is Virginia's westernmost county in the coalfields region. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.leecountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LEXINGTON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1343* · FIPS 51678 · Lexington

Lexington city

Population 7,802 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Lexington may require a local home occupation permit and business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Lexington is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Lexington City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Lexington may require a local home occupation permit and business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Lexington is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Lexington City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Lexington city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lexington is a small independent city in the Shenandoah Valley, home to VMI and W&L University. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lexingtonva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LOUDOUN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2571* · FIPS 51107 · Leesburg

Loudoun County

Population 420,773 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection. Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Loudoun County requires a Home Occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Loudoun County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Building & Development (Permitting). The permit is available online via Loudoun County's permitting portal. Applicable to home-based businesses in residential zones. Standards require the business to be secondary to residential use, no external evidence of business, limited customer traffic, and compliance with Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance. Contact: Loudoun County Building & Development, loudoun.gov/1178/Home-Occupation-Permits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection. Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Loudoun County requires a Home Occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. No TCS foods permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Loudoun County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Building & Development (Permitting). The permit is available online via Loudoun County's permitting portal. Applicable to home-based businesses in residential zones. Standards require the business to be secondary to residential use, no external evidence of business, limited customer traffic, and compliance with Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance. Contact: Loudoun County Building & Development, loudoun.gov/1178/Home-Occupation-Permits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No resale, consignment, or sales to retail food establishments. Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, home delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only family members occupying the dwelling; no outside employees for home occupation.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (state cottage food); Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Loudoun County Home Occupation Permit confirmed from official loudoun.gov sources. County has dedicated Home Occupation Permits page under Building & Development. Virginia state cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) confirmed from state baseline. No registration required for non-acidified cottage foods. Pickles/acidified cap is very low at $9,000/year. Loudoun County is one of the wealthiest counties in the US; active home-based business and food entrepreneurship community. Confidence high: both state law and county permit requirement confirmed from .gov sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.loudoun.gov

https://www.loudoun.gov/1178/Home-Occupation-Permits

https://www.loudoun.gov/3208/Business-Zoning-Permits

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

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

VIRGINIA: LOUISA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1328* · FIPS 51109 · Louisa

Louisa County

Population 42,109 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Louisa County may require a local business license. Contact Louisa County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Louisa County may require a local business license. Contact Louisa County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Louisa County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisa County is a growing exurban county between Richmond and Charlottesville. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.louisacounty.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LUNENBURG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1327* · FIPS 51111 · Lunenburg

Lunenburg County

Population 12,060 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lunenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Lunenburg County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lunenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Lunenburg County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Lunenburg County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lunenburg County is a rural southside Virginia county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lunenburgva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: LYNCHBURG CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1091* · FIPS 51680 · Lynchburg

Lynchburg city

Population 79,166 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Lynchburg zoning code (Sec. 35.2-71.4) allows home occupations as an accessory use subject to performance standards. Home occupations must: be limited to visiting clients on appointment basis; be conducted by a household member; not serve more than one client at a time for listed professions; use only one small sign (max 1 sq ft) with no illumination; use only domestic-scale mechanical equipment; not use more than 20% of the principal dwelling's gross floor area; and not exceed incidental retail sales. A business license from Lynchburg's Commissioner of the Revenue may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to $9,000 annual gross sales cap. All products must bear 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' label.
SEPARATE 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-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lynchburg zoning code (Sec. 35.2-71.4) allows home occupations as an accessory use subject to performance standards. Home occupations must: be limited to visiting clients on appointment basis; be conducted by a household member; not serve more than one client at a time for listed professions; use only one small sign (max 1 sq ft) with no illumination; use only domestic-scale mechanical equipment; not use more than 20% of the principal dwelling's gross floor area; and not exceed incidental retail sales. A business license from Lynchburg's Commissioner of the Revenue may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. Customer pickup from home on appointment basis permitted. No drop-by public access per home occupation rules.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation must be conducted by household member. For certain professional occupations, one non-resident employee may be employed.

Relevant county code

City of Lynchburg Zoning Code Sec. 35.2-71.4 (Home Occupations); Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

Lynchburg city (an independent city in Virginia, treated as county-equivalent) has specific home occupation rules in its zoning code (Sec. 35.2-71.4). Key restrictions include appointment-only clients, 20% of dwelling's floor area limit, one small sign (1 sq ft, no illumination), and only incidental retail sales. Business license required from the city. State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) governs what foods can be made; city zoning governs the home occupation aspect. Confidence: high (city zoning ordinance directly retrieved, state law confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lynchburgva.gov
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.zoneomics.com/code/lynchburg-VA/chapter_7
https://www.lynchburgva.gov/326/Business-Licenses-Zoning-Approval-Forms

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

VIRGINIA: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1326* · FIPS 51113 · Madison

Madison County

Population 14,252 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Madison County may require a local business license. Contact Madison County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Madison County may require a local business license. Contact Madison County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Madison County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Madison County is a rural Piedmont county near the Shenandoah Valley. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.madisonco.virginia.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: MANASSAS CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1336* · FIPS 51683 · Manassas

Manassas city

Population 43,616 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas may require a local home occupation permit and Certificate of Occupancy for change of use.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Likely (City of Manassas is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. Manassas may require a Certificate of Occupancy for change in use and a local home occupation permit. Contact Manassas Community Development Department at manassasva.gov for specific requirements and forms.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas may require a local home occupation permit and Certificate of Occupancy for change of use.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Manassas is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. Manassas may require a Certificate of Occupancy for change in use and a local home occupation permit. Contact Manassas Community Development Department at manassasva.gov for specific requirements and forms.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Manassas city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs; local zoning (Certificate of Occupancy for change of use) may add requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

Manassas is an independent city in Northern Virginia. The city's development services page confirms a Certificate of Occupancy is required for any change in use of a property; this may apply to starting a home-based food business. Manassas city references the Zoning Ordinance for occupancy rules. State cottage food law governs baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.manassasva.gov/community_development/development_services/occupancy_permits.php
https://www.manassasva.gov
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.manassasva.gov/community_development/development_services/occupancy_permits.php

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

VIRGINIA: MANASSAS PARK CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1342* · FIPS 51685 · Manassas Park

Manassas Park city

Population 16,611 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas Park defers to state VDACS regulations for home kitchen food processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Manassas Park publishes Virginia's home kitchen food processing regulations on its public health page and directs operators to VDACS. A local business license and home occupation zoning compliance may also be required. Contact Manassas Park city hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas Park defers to state VDACS regulations for home kitchen food processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Manassas Park publishes Virginia's home kitchen food processing regulations on its public health page and directs operators to VDACS. A local business license and home occupation zoning compliance may also be required. Contact Manassas Park city hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Manassas Park city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Manassas Park City posts Virginia's state home kitchen food processing regulations on its public health department page, indicating no separate local cottage food ordinance. The city directs operators to VDACS. Local zoning compliance and business license still likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.manassasparkva.gov/departments/public_health/home_kitchen_food_processing.php
https://www.manassasparkva.gov
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.manassasparkva.gov/departments/public_health/home_kitchen_food_processing.php

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VIRGINIA: MARTINSVILLE CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1341* · FIPS 51690 · Martinsville

Martinsville city

Population 13,834 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Martinsville is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Martinsville City Hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Martinsville is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Martinsville City Hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Martinsville city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Martinsville is a small independent city in southside Virginia near Henry County. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.martinsvilleva.gov

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

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

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VIRGINIA: MATHEWS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1325* · FIPS 51115 · Mathews

Mathews County

Population 8,602 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mathews County may require a local business license. Contact Mathews County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mathews County may require a local business license. Contact Mathews County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Mathews County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mathews County is a rural Middle Peninsula coastal county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.mathewscountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: MECKLENBURG COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1322* · FIPS 51117 · Boydton

Mecklenburg County

Population 30,824 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mecklenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Mecklenburg County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mecklenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Mecklenburg County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Mecklenburg County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mecklenburg County is a rural southside Virginia county bordering NC on the Roanoke River. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.mecklenburgva.com

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1321* · FIPS 51119 · Saluda

Middlesex County

Population 10,949 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Middlesex County may require a local business license. Contact Middlesex County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Middlesex County may require a local business license. Contact Middlesex County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Middlesex County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Middlesex County is a rural Middle Peninsula county on the Rappahannock River. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.middlesexcountyva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #740* · FIPS 51121 · Christiansburg

Montgomery County

Population 99,373 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private homes including candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles and acidified vegetables with equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower allowed with a $9,000 annual gross sales cap. Direct-to-consumer only; no resale, consignment, or retail food establishments. No registration, permit, or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Montgomery County and the Town of Christiansburg and Town of Blacksburg (home of Virginia Tech) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Montgomery County cottage food ordinance identified beyond state law.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No permit or inspection requirements. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private homes including candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles and acidified vegetables with equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower allowed with a $9,000 annual gross sales cap. Direct-to-consumer only; no resale, consignment, or retail food establishments. No registration, permit, or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally mandated.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. TCS foods prohibited. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year (one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US). All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No permit or inspection requirements. Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Montgomery County and the Town of Christiansburg and Town of Blacksburg (home of Virginia Tech) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Montgomery County cottage food ordinance identified beyond state law.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only at home, farmers markets, events. No resale, consignment, or retail food establishments. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. General non-acidified cottage food has no stated dollar cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Montgomery County code section identified. State law governs: Va. Code §3.2-5130.

RESEARCH NOTES

Montgomery County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Montgomery County is home to Virginia Tech (Blacksburg). Virginia's $9,000 pickle cap is notably restrictive. The all-caps label disclaimer requirement is a distinctive Virginia feature. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NELSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1320* · FIPS 51125 · Lovingston

Nelson County

Population 14,766 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nelson County may require a local business license. Contact Nelson County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nelson County may require a local business license. Contact Nelson County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Nelson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Nelson County is a Blue Ridge foothills county near Charlottesville known for wineries and orchards. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.nelsoncounty.com

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NEW KENT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1319* · FIPS 51127 · New Kent

New Kent County

Population 27,218 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. New Kent County may require a local business license. Contact New Kent County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. New Kent County may require a local business license. Contact New Kent County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No New Kent County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

New Kent County is a growing exurban Richmond-area county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.newkentcounty.net

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NEWPORT NEWS CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2104* · FIPS 51700 · Newport News

Newport News city

Population 185,118 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap; pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Direct sales only; no resale or consignment. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Virginia cottage food law effective 2023.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Newport News regulates home businesses through zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Virginia is a strict Dillon's Rule state. Home occupation permit required for home-based businesses. A BPOL (business license) is also typically required. Common conditions: home occupation permit, no exterior alteration, no outside storage, no hazardous materials, residence must remain primarily residential. Virginia cottage food law (effective 2023) allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap; pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Direct sales only; no resale or consignment. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Virginia cottage food law effective 2023.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Newport News regulates home businesses through zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Virginia is a strict Dillon's Rule state. Home occupation permit required for home-based businesses. A BPOL (business license) is also typically required. Common conditions: home occupation permit, no exterior alteration, no outside storage, no hazardous materials, residence must remain primarily residential. Virginia cottage food law (effective 2023) allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, online with local delivery. Customer visits limited per zoning rules.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically only household members per home occupation zoning rules.

Relevant county code

Newport News Zoning Ordinance; Va. Code §15.2-2280; Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

Newport News is an independent city in Virginia (treated as county-equivalent). State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) effective 2023. CityRuleLookup confirms home occupation permit and BPOL required. Newport News Zoning Division website confirmed at nnva.gov. The $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables is one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US. Honey sold from own hives under 250 gallons/year covered under separate subdivision.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.nnva.gov
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/newport-news-city-va
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/newport-news-city-discuss

VIRGINIA: NORFOLK CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1820* · FIPS 51710 · Norfolk

Norfolk city

Population 236,973 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Direct sales only. Norfolk as an independent city has its own zoning.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City of Norfolk has its own zoning ordinance. May require home occupation permit for residential-zone businesses. Check with Norfolk City Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Department may inspect upon consumer complaint)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Direct sales only. Norfolk as an independent city has its own zoning.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: TCS foods, dairy, meat, fish, refrigerated items

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Department may inspect upon consumer complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of Norfolk has its own zoning ordinance. May require home occupation permit for residential-zone businesses. Check with Norfolk City Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only; no retail store sales, no consignment, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; City of Norfolk Zoning Ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Norfolk is an independent Virginia city. Follows Virginia state baseline (Va. Code §3.2-5130). Virginia has notably low $9,000 cap for pickles. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Norfolk .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.norfolk.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1318* · FIPS 51131 · Eastville

Northampton County

Population 12,004 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northampton County may require a local business license. Contact Northampton County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northampton County may require a local business license. Contact Northampton County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Northampton County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Northampton County is on the southern portion of Virginia's Eastern Shore (Delmarva Peninsula). State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.co.northampton.va.us

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

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

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VIRGINIA: NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1333* · FIPS 51133 · Heathsville

Northumberland County

Population 12,397 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northumberland County may require a local business license. Contact Northumberland County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northumberland County may require a local business license. Contact Northumberland County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Northumberland County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Northumberland County is on Virginia's Northern Neck peninsula. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.northumberlandva.org

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NORTON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1340* · FIPS 51720 · Norton

Norton city

Population 3,478 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely (City of Norton is an independent city in southwest Virginia with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Norton City Hall for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely — City of Norton is an independent city in southwest Virginia with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Norton City Hall for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Norton city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Norton is a small independent city in Lee County area of southwest Virginia coalfields. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.nortonva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: NOTTOWAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1334* · FIPS 51135 · Nottoway Court House

Nottoway County

Population 15,632 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.')

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nottoway County may require a local business license. Contact Nottoway County administrator for local requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nottoway County may require a local business license. Contact Nottoway County administrator for local requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Nottoway County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Nottoway County is a rural southside Virginia county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.nottowayva.gov

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: ORANGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1263* · FIPS 51137 · Orange

Orange County

Population 38,986 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Orange County uses a home occupation / home enterprise zoning framework. Home occupations (residential or A-zoned under 2 acres) must be conducted entirely within the home; no zoning permit is required, but a free voluntary Certification Form from the Planning & Zoning office is strongly recommended. Home enterprises (A-zoned, 2+ acres) permit use of accessory structures. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval is required before VDACS will issue a permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (No zoning permit is required for a home occupation in Orange County. The county offers a free voluntary Certification Form (strongly recommended for documentation purposes). Orange County has no business license program. Businesses must register with the Virginia Department of Taxation or IRS as applicable. For the VDACS home food processing permit pathway, written zoning approval documentation is required. The certification form is available from Orange County Planning & Zoning Services.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection before operation, complaint-based thereafter. Cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130): no routine inspection; VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Orange County uses a home occupation / home enterprise zoning framework. Home occupations (residential or A-zoned under 2 acres) must be conducted entirely within the home; no zoning permit is required, but a free voluntary Certification Form from the Planning & Zoning office is strongly recommended. Home enterprises (A-zoned, 2+ acres) permit use of accessory structures. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval is required before VDACS will issue a permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply (well) requires coliform-free water test results if pursuing the VDACS home food processing permit. Cottage food exemption has no stated water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per GMP; documented on VDACS home food processing application for that pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination. Pet-excluded areas required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection before operation, complaint-based thereafter. Cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130): no routine inspection; VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No zoning permit is required for a home occupation in Orange County. The county offers a free voluntary Certification Form (strongly recommended for documentation purposes). Orange County has no business license program. Businesses must register with the Virginia Department of Taxation or IRS as applicable. For the VDACS home food processing permit pathway, written zoning approval documentation is required. The certification form is available from Orange County Planning & Zoning Services.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Home occupation rules limit retail sales to a minor part of business; on-site retail must be incidental. Up to 10 vehicle trips per day allowed. VDACS home food processing permit: statewide distribution permitted with zoning documentation.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation: no more than 1 non-family employee on-site during business hours. Home enterprise (2+ acres A-zoned): same restriction unless otherwise specified in county code.

Relevant county code

Orange County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 70-1 (definitions) and home occupation/enterprise provisions; Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Orange County VA has a distinct two-tier home business zoning system: home occupations (residential or A-zoned under 2 acres, in-home only) and home enterprises (A-zoned 2+ acres, can use accessory structures). Notably, no zoning permit is required and there is no business license program at the county level. A free voluntary certification form documents compliance. Home bakeries are explicitly listed as an example of a permitted home occupation. Retail on premises must be incidental. One non-family employee allowed on-site. Cottage food operations under Va. Code §3.2-5130 fit squarely within the home occupation framework. State baseline applies for all food rules. Medium confidence: county zoning rules confirmed from official orangecountyva.gov FAQ and document; food-specific local rules not separately codified beyond zoning.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://orangecountyva.gov/
https://orangecountyva.gov/
https://orangecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2001
https://orangecountyva.gov/FAQ.aspx?QID=67
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: PAGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1715* · FIPS 51139 · Luray

Page County

Population 23,686 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Page County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. Producers should contact Page County Planning and Zoning to confirm home occupation allowances in their zoning district.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Page County zoning likely requires home occupation compliance and may require a zoning permit or approval for home-based businesses. Producers should contact Page County Planning (Luray, VA) to confirm requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval documentation is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Page County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. Producers should contact Page County Planning and Zoning to confirm home occupation allowances in their zoning district.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. Cottage food exemption has no stated requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Page County zoning likely requires home occupation compliance and may require a zoning permit or approval for home-based businesses. Producers should contact Page County Planning (Luray, VA) to confirm requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval documentation is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. VDACS home food processing permit: statewide distribution with zoning documentation.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Page County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Page County-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning rules were found in searches. State baseline for Virginia applies. Page County is a rural county in the Shenandoah Valley; most rural Virginia counties follow the standard home occupation zoning framework requiring no separate business activity within residential structures beyond what is incidental. Medium confidence based on state baseline application; county-specific zoning confirmation not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.pagecounty.virginia.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: PATRICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1714* · FIPS 51141 · Stuart

Patrick County

Population 17,308 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Patrick County is a rural southwestern Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Patrick County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. Producers should contact Patrick County Planning and Zoning (Stuart, VA) to confirm permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Patrick County is a rural southwestern Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Patrick County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. Producers should contact Patrick County Planning and Zoning (Stuart, VA) to confirm permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Patrick County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Patrick County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.patrickcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: PETERSBURG CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2455* · FIPS 51730 · Petersburg

Petersburg city

Population 34,058 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Petersburg is an independent city. Home occupations must be conducted wholly within a main building by a family member residing on premises. No advertising beyond a 1 sq ft identification sign. No non-family employees. No equipment beyond what is normally residential. Home occupations are a permitted use in residential zoning districts. A Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development, and zoning approval is required as part of the business license process.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Petersburg requires a Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development (135 N Union Street, Petersburg, VA 23803; pcd@petersburg-va.org; 804-733-2308). Zoning approval is a prerequisite for a business license. The questionnaire addresses: floor area used (must not exceed 1/4 of one floor), no structural modifications, whether clients/employees visit, whether commodities not made on premises are stored/sold, and whether signs are on premises. No non-family employees allowed under standard home occupation definition. A city business license is also required from the Commissioner of the Revenue.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Petersburg is an independent city. Home occupations must be conducted wholly within a main building by a family member residing on premises. No advertising beyond a 1 sq ft identification sign. No non-family employees. No equipment beyond what is normally residential. Home occupations are a permitted use in residential zoning districts. A Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development, and zoning approval is required as part of the business license process.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Petersburg requires a Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development (135 N Union Street, Petersburg, VA 23803; pcd@petersburg-va.org; 804-733-2308). Zoning approval is a prerequisite for a business license. The questionnaire addresses: floor area used (must not exceed 1/4 of one floor), no structural modifications, whether clients/employees visit, whether commodities not made on premises are stored/sold, and whether signs are on premises. No non-family employees allowed under standard home occupation definition. A city business license is also required from the Commissioner of the Revenue.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Petersburg home occupation rules limit client visits to premises and prohibit storage of commodities not made on-site.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No non-family employees under Petersburg home occupation definition. No person outside the resident family may be employed at the home.

Relevant county code

Petersburg Zoning Ordinance Appendix B (home occupation definition); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Petersburg is an independent city in Virginia. Home occupation rules confirmed from official petersburgva.gov PDF questionnaire and zoning ordinance excerpt. Home occupation is defined restrictively: conducted wholly within the main building, family members only, 1 sq ft sign limit, no external indication of business, no non-residential equipment. A zoning approval questionnaire must be submitted to Planning & Community Development before a business license is issued. Questionnaire checks: floor area (max 1/4 of one floor), no structural changes, client/employee visits, commodity storage, and signage. City business license also required. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: specific home occupation documentation confirmed; some details on fees and processing times not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.petersburgva.gov/
https://www.petersburgva.gov/
https://www.petersburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5508/Home-Occupation-Questionnaire---PDF-Format
https://petersburgva.gov/602/Business-Licenses
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1956* · FIPS 51143 · Chatham

Pittsylvania County

Population 60,541 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration or inspection required. No stated dollar cap for non-acidified items. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Direct sales only. Products must carry label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Pittsylvania County zoning may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with the Pittsylvania County Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration or inspection required. No stated dollar cap for non-acidified items. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Direct sales only. Products must carry label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
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.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Pittsylvania County zoning may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with the Pittsylvania County Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only — no resale, no consignment, no retail food establishment sales. Home pickup, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online (within VA) permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Pittsylvania County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Pittsylvania County. Virginia's distinctive all-caps label requirement and the very low $9,000 annual cap for acidified products (pickles) are notable restrictions. No cap for standard non-acidified cottage foods. Honey under 250 gallons/year from own hives also exempt.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: POQUOSON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1801* · FIPS 51735 · Poquoson

Poquoson city

Population 12,854 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Poquoson is a small independent city on the Virginia Peninsula. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Poquoson city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact the Poquoson Department of Planning to confirm permit requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Poquoson is a small independent city on the Virginia Peninsula. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Poquoson city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact the Poquoson Department of Planning to confirm permit requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Poquoson City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Poquoson city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found in searches. State baseline for Virginia applies. Poquoson is a small independent city (pop. ~12,000) in York County area. Medium confidence based on state baseline application; city-specific zoning confirmation not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.poquoson.org/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: PORTSMOUTH CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2569* · FIPS 51740 · Portsmouth

Portsmouth city

Population 97,384 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated sales cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Portsmouth City requires a home occupation permit and business license for home-based businesses; home occupation rules require business conducted inside dwelling, no signage, and restrict customer visits.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No state restriction; Portsmouth home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Portsmouth City requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance (amended Dec. 12, 2023) governs home occupations. Home occupations must be conducted inside the dwelling, no exterior signage, restricted to residential character. Operators should contact Portsmouth Zoning/ Planning Department and the Revenue Office for business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated sales cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Portsmouth City requires a home occupation permit and business license for home-based businesses; home occupation rules require business conducted inside dwelling, no signage, and restrict customer visits.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction; Portsmouth home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Virginia cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Portsmouth City requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance (amended Dec. 12, 2023) governs home occupations. Home occupations must be conducted inside the dwelling, no exterior signage, restricted to residential character. Operators should contact Portsmouth Zoning/ Planning Department and the Revenue Office for business license requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales; Portsmouth home occupation rules may restrict customer visits to the home. Customer pickup may be limited. Farmers markets, events, online (in-state) delivery all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Limited to residential character; typically family members only for home occupation.

Relevant county code

Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance (amended Dec. 12, 2023); Portsmouth Ch. 402

RESEARCH NOTES

Portsmouth City (independent city, FIPS 51740) zoning ordinance (Ch. 402, amended Dec. 12, 2023) governs home occupations. Confirmed: home occupation permit required, business license required, no exterior commercial signage, customer visits to home restricted. Portsmouth follows Virginia state cottage food baseline with local home occupation overlay. City-specific rules confirmed via portsmouthva.gov document portal and cityrulelookup.com (March 2026 data).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.portsmouthva.gov

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

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

https://www.portsmouthva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9550/Portsmouth-Ch-402-Portsmouth-Zoning-Ordinance---Amended-Dec-12-2023

https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/portsmouth-va

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VIRGINIA: POWHATAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1713* · FIPS 51145 · Powhatan

Powhatan County

Population 32,392 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Powhatan County has a detailed home occupation framework under Zoning Ordinance Sec. 83-438(j). Home occupations are permitted by-right (P) in all residential and agricultural zoning districts (A-20, A-10, A-C, RR, RR-5, CR, R-2, VR, VC, R-U, CHSC). Only family members residing in the dwelling may be engaged in the home occupation without a Conditional Use Permit. More intensive home-based businesses (up to 2 non-resident employees) require additional approval. Home bakeries and similar cottage food operations qualify as standard home occupations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Powhatan County home occupations are permitted by-right in all residential and agricultural zoning districts per Sec. 83-438(j). No separate home occupation permit is required for standard operations. However, a Powhatan County business license is required. Contact the Commissioner of Revenue's Office (Andrea Ross, 804-598-5616, aross@powhatanva.gov) for business licensing. Home occupation floor area limited to 25% of dwelling; home-based business (2 non-resident employees) limited to 35% of dwelling. One sign of 1 sq ft or less, non-illuminated, mounted on dwelling wall is allowed. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Powhatan County has a detailed home occupation framework under Zoning Ordinance Sec. 83-438(j). Home occupations are permitted by-right (P) in all residential and agricultural zoning districts (A-20, A-10, A-C, RR, RR-5, CR, R-2, VR, VC, R-U, CHSC). Only family members residing in the dwelling may be engaged in the home occupation without a Conditional Use Permit. More intensive home-based businesses (up to 2 non-resident employees) require additional approval. Home bakeries and similar cottage food operations qualify as standard home occupations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Powhatan County home occupations are permitted by-right in all residential and agricultural zoning districts per Sec. 83-438(j). No separate home occupation permit is required for standard operations. However, a Powhatan County business license is required. Contact the Commissioner of Revenue's Office (Andrea Ross, 804-598-5616, aross@powhatanva.gov) for business licensing. Home occupation floor area limited to 25% of dwelling; home-based business (2 non-resident employees) limited to 35% of dwelling. One sign of 1 sq ft or less, non-illuminated, mounted on dwelling wall is allowed. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Powhatan home occupation rules: no non-family employees without CUP; vehicle deliveries limited; no exterior storage. Home-based business allows up to 5 vehicles dedicated to the occupation.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Standard home occupation (Sec. 83-438(j)): no non-family employees without a Conditional Use Permit. Home-based business (Sec. 83-438(k)): up to 2 non-resident employees allowed.

Relevant county code

Powhatan County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 83-438(j) (home occupation) and Sec. 83-438(k) (home-based business); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Powhatan County home occupation framework confirmed from official powhatanva.gov document. Home occupations permitted by-right in all residential and agricultural districts. Three sub-categories: standard home occupation (family only, 25% floor area, 1 sq ft sign), home-based business (2 non-resident employees, 35% floor area, CUP if needed), and specialized categories for landscaping/trucking. A county business license is required. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: zoning rules confirmed from official source; some details on fees and exact permit process steps not fully retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.powhatanva.gov/

https://www.powhatanva.gov/

https://www.powhatanva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5614/Home-Occupation-Handout

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

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

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VIRGINIA: PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1712* · FIPS 51147 · Farmville

Prince Edward County

Population 22,276 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince Edward County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Prince Edward County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Producers should contact Prince Edward County Planning and Zoning (Farmville, VA) for current requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince Edward County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Prince Edward County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Producers should contact Prince Edward County Planning and Zoning (Farmville, VA) for current requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Prince Edward County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Prince Edward County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.princeedwardcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1711* · FIPS 51149 · Prince George

Prince George County

Population 43,589 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince George County has a planning and zoning department with Chapter 90 Zoning ordinance (available on MuniCode). Home occupation provisions are contained in Chapter 90. Producers should contact Prince George County Planning & Zoning (6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, VA 23875; 804-722-8678) for specific home occupation permit requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Prince George County has a Planning and Zoning Department that administers Chapter 90 Zoning. Home occupation provisions and any required permits or approvals are found in Chapter 90. Contact: planning@princegeorgecountyva.gov; 804-722-8678; 6602 Courts Drive, First Floor, Prince George, VA 23875. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince George County has a planning and zoning department with Chapter 90 Zoning ordinance (available on MuniCode). Home occupation provisions are contained in Chapter 90. Producers should contact Prince George County Planning & Zoning (6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, VA 23875; 804-722-8678) for specific home occupation permit requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Prince George County has a Planning and Zoning Department that administers Chapter 90 Zoning. Home occupation provisions and any required permits or approvals are found in Chapter 90. Contact: planning@princegeorgecountyva.gov; 804-722-8678; 6602 Courts Drive, First Floor, Prince George, VA 23875. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning under Chapter 90 may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Prince George County Code Chapter 90 Zoning (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince George County planning and zoning page confirmed; Chapter 90 Zoning contains home occupation provisions. Specific home occupation rules within Chapter 90 not retrieved from MuniCode. State baseline for Virginia applies for food rules. Medium confidence: county planning contact and ordinance chapter confirmed; specific home occupation permit details and fees not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/planning_and_zoning/
https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/
https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/planning_and_zoning/ordinances.php
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1685* · FIPS 51153 · Manassas

Prince William County

Population 481,114 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Two tiers: (1) Non-acidified cottage foods (baked goods, candy, etc.) — no registration required, direct sales only, limited venues. (2) Acidified foods (jams, pickles, sauces) — registration with VDACS required. No annual sales cap. No inspection required at state level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Prince William County requires a Home Occupation Certificate (HOC1) for home-based businesses per Zoning Ordinance Section 32-300.07. Home occupation is business conducted entirely within dwelling by residents, clearly incidental to residential use, no exterior evidence, no customers coming to home, no non-resident employees. Apply in person at Development Services Building (703-792-6830; zoningcounters@pwcgov.org). Must also obtain Trade Name Registration from Prince William County Judicial Center. Business License from Prince William County Finance Department may be required (703-792-6710).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required at state level)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Two tiers: (1) Non-acidified cottage foods (baked goods, candy, etc.) — no registration required, direct sales only, limited venues. (2) Acidified foods (jams, pickles, sauces) — registration with VDACS required. No annual sales cap. No inspection required at state level.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required at state level
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Prince William County requires a Home Occupation Certificate (HOC1) for home-based businesses per Zoning Ordinance Section 32-300.07. Home occupation is business conducted entirely within dwelling by residents, clearly incidental to residential use, no exterior evidence, no customers coming to home, no non-resident employees. Apply in person at Development Services Building (703-792-6830; zoningcounters@pwcgov.org). Must also obtain Trade Name Registration from Prince William County Judicial Center. Business License from Prince William County Finance Department may be required (703-792-6710).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia state law: direct sales to consumers at farmers markets, events, from home. Indirect sales through third-party retailers allowed with VDACS registration for acidified foods. No annual sales cap. Online sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Prince William County Home Occupation: no non-resident employees allowed (only residents of dwelling unit)

Relevant county code

Prince William County Zoning Ordinance Section 32-300.07 (Home Occupation Certificate). Va. Code §3.2-5130.

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince William County Home Occupation Certificate page retrieved directly from pwcva.gov. Zoning Ordinance Section 32-300.07 governs: business within dwelling, incidental to residential use, no exterior evidence, no customers at home, no non-resident employees. HOC1 application filed in person. Business License from Finance Department may be required. Virginia state cottage food (Va. Code §3.2-5130) has two tiers: non-acidified (no registration) and acidified (VDACS registration required). NOTE: Prince William County HOC explicitly says 'Home occupation is less intense than home employment and does not have customers coming to the home' — cottage food pickup at home may require special attention or the Home Employment permit instead. Confidence high: official county source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.pwcva.gov

https://www.pwcva.gov/department/zoning-administration/home-occupation-certificate-office-within-residence

https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/dairy-kitchen-food-services-businesses.shtml

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VIRGINIA: PULASKI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1710* · FIPS 51155 · Pulaski

Pulaski County

Population 33,579 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Pulaski County has a comprehensive Unified Development Ordinance (UDO, last amended November 2024) that governs all land uses. The UDO requires a Zoning Permit for changes in use or occupancy. Home occupation provisions are contained within the UDO's use table and development standards. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county UDO Administrator is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Pulaski County UDO (November 2024) governs home occupation uses. A Zoning Permit may be required for change in use or occupancy. The UDO Administrator should be contacted for guidance on home occupation approvals. Contact Pulaski County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Pulaski County has a comprehensive Unified Development Ordinance (UDO, last amended November 2024) that governs all land uses. The UDO requires a Zoning Permit for changes in use or occupancy. Home occupation provisions are contained within the UDO's use table and development standards. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county UDO Administrator is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Pulaski County UDO (November 2024) governs home occupation uses. A Zoning Permit may be required for change in use or occupancy. The UDO Administrator should be contacted for guidance on home occupation approvals. Contact Pulaski County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local UDO may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (November 2024) (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Pulaski County UDO (November 2024) confirmed from official pulaskicounty.org PDF. UDO is the comprehensive zoning and development code. A Zoning Permit is required for changes in use/occupancy. Specific home occupation section language not retrieved from full UDO, but framework confirmed. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: UDO existence and general framework confirmed; specific home occupation permit details not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.pulaskicounty.org/departments/planning-zoning/
https://www.pulaskicounty.org/
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https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: RADFORD CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1814* · FIPS 51750 · Radford

Radford city

Population 17,273 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Radford is an independent city in southwest Virginia (near Pulaski County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Radford city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact Radford City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Radford is an independent city in southwest Virginia (near Pulaski County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Radford city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact Radford City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Radford City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Radford city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.radfordva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1708* · FIPS 51157 · Washington

Rappahannock County

Population 7,479 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rappahannock County is a small, rural Piedmont county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Rappahannock County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rappahannock County Planning (Washington, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rappahannock County is a small, rural Piedmont county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Rappahannock County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rappahannock County Planning (Washington, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Rappahannock County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rappahannock County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.rappahannockcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: RICHMOND CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2175* · FIPS 51760 · —

Richmond city

Population 227,171 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS cottage foods from permitting. For home food processing operations (broader range of products beyond the cottage food exemption), VDACS requires a permit ($40/year) with an initial inspection. Both pathways require local zoning approval. Richmond City requires a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) for home occupations ($50 fee, ~10 business day processing), plus a City business license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing rules require pets to be completely excluded from food preparation, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times, with solid hinged doors that latch. This applies to the home food processing permit pathway; cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction but good practice applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Richmond City requires a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) – Home Occupation, issued by the Zoning Administration Office. Fee: $50. Processing time: approximately 10 business days. Property owner consent is required (owner notified). Following CZC approval, a City of Richmond business license must be obtained from the Finance Department (City Hall, 900 East Broad St, Room 103). The CZC application requires a detailed business description, square footage of business area, and whether in-person sales/client visits will occur.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (For VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required before operation; complaint-based thereafter. For cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130): no routine inspection; VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) exempts non-TCS cottage foods from permitting. For home food processing operations (broader range of products beyond the cottage food exemption), VDACS requires a permit ($40/year) with an initial inspection. Both pathways require local zoning approval. Richmond City requires a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) for home occupations ($50 fee, ~10 business day processing), plus a City business license.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing rules require pets to be completely excluded from food preparation, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times, with solid hinged doors that latch. This applies to the home food processing permit pathway; cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction but good practice applies.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply (well) requires water testing results showing absence of coliform bacteria if pursuing the VDACS home food processing permit. Cottage food exemption has no stated water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per GMP; documented on VDACS home food processing application.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet-excluded areas required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — For VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required before operation; complaint-based thereafter. For cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130): no routine inspection; VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Richmond City requires a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) – Home Occupation, issued by the Zoning Administration Office. Fee: $50. Processing time: approximately 10 business days. Property owner consent is required (owner notified). Following CZC approval, a City of Richmond business license must be obtained from the Finance Department (City Hall, 900 East Broad St, Room 103). The CZC application requires a detailed business description, square footage of business area, and whether in-person sales/client visits will occur.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under Virginia cottage food exemption, direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. For VDACS home food processing permit: statewide distribution permitted; zoning documentation must confirm pickup/delivery is allowed at the residence.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Richmond City home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence at the residential address.

Relevant county code

Richmond City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation CZC requirement); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Richmond City is an independent city in Virginia (not part of any county). High confidence: Richmond City CZC process documented from official rva.gov PDF (2024). VDACS application and cottage food statute confirmed. Richmond requires: (1) CZC from Zoning Administration ($50); (2) City business license from Finance Dept. Virginia cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130) requires labeling 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. For products beyond the cottage food exemption, VDACS home food processing permit + local zoning documentation required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.rva.gov

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

https://www.rva.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/City%20of%20Richmond%20-%20How%20to%20apply%20for%20a%20CZC-Residential_0.pdf

https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/homefdapplication.pdf

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

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VIRGINIA: RICHMOND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1698* · FIPS 51159 · Warsaw

Richmond County

Population 9,215 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Richmond County (county seat Warsaw) is a rural Northern Neck county distinct from Richmond city (FIPS 51760). No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Richmond County (Warsaw) likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Richmond County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Richmond County (county seat Warsaw) is a rural Northern Neck county distinct from Richmond city (FIPS 51760). No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Richmond County (Warsaw) likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Richmond County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Richmond County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Richmond County (Warsaw, VA Northern Neck) specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Note: This is Richmond County (FIPS 51159), a rural county on the Northern Neck, not Richmond city (FIPS 51760). State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.co.richmond.va.us/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: ROANOKE CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2117* · FIPS 51770 · Roanoke

Roanoke city

Population 99,213 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Tiered cap: no stated cap for most cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Roanoke City Zoning Code Section 36.2-413 regulates home occupations: must be conducted entirely within the interior of the principal residential structure, limited to 250 sq ft, no exterior changes, no outdoor storage, no commercial vehicles, no clients visiting home for standard home occupations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No state restriction; Roanoke home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Roanoke City requires a Business License Zoning Verification form for home occupations (Section 36.2-413). Standard home occupations prohibit clients/customers visiting the home. Sales from home to customers visiting in person may be restricted under the 'no customer visit' standard. Operators should contact Roanoke Planning, Building & Development at (540) 853-1090 to confirm whether cottage food customer pickup triggers the 'personal service home occupation' classification or falls under general home occupation standards.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Tiered cap: no stated cap for most cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Roanoke City Zoning Code Section 36.2-413 regulates home occupations: must be conducted entirely within the interior of the principal residential structure, limited to 250 sq ft, no exterior changes, no outdoor storage, no commercial vehicles, no clients visiting home for standard home occupations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction; Roanoke home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Virginia cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement; good manufacturing practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; store to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Roanoke City requires a Business License Zoning Verification form for home occupations (Section 36.2-413). Standard home occupations prohibit clients/customers visiting the home. Sales from home to customers visiting in person may be restricted under the 'no customer visit' standard. Operators should contact Roanoke Planning, Building & Development at (540) 853-1090 to confirm whether cottage food customer pickup triggers the 'personal service home occupation' classification or falls under general home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales from home but Roanoke zoning code Section 36.2-413 prohibits customers visiting home for general home occupations. Deliveries limited to USPS, parcel services, messenger services. Customer pickup at home may conflict with standard home occupation rules (no customer/client shall travel to the dwelling). Operators should verify with city planning.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No more than 1 person other than family members residing on premises (Roanoke Zoning Code Section 36.2-413).

Relevant county code

Roanoke City Zoning Code Section 36.2-413 (Home Occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Roanoke City (independent city, FIPS 51770) zoning code Section 36.2-413 was retrieved from official city documents. Standard home occupations prohibit customer visits; this is a notable restriction for cottage food pickup. Personal service home occupations allow separate entrance but prohibit non-family employees. The 250 sq ft limit and no-signage rule are confirmed. Virginia state law labels must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' No stated sales cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.roanokeva.gov/2786/Planning-Building-Development
https://www.roanokeva.gov
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/
https://www.roanokeva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1364/Business-License-Zoning-Verification-Application
https://www.roanokeva.gov/2065/Home-Occupations

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VIRGINIA: ROANOKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2124* · FIPS 51161 · —

Roanoke County

Population 96,653 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Roanoke County (distinct from Roanoke City) has home occupation regulations requiring home-based businesses to be accessory uses in residential dwellings; contact Planning and Zoning at (540) 772-2068 for specifics.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state restriction; local home occupation rules may apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Roanoke County has home occupation regulations (view Home Occupation Regulations at roanokecountyva.gov). More than one home occupation permitted per dwelling but each must meet set standards and maintain residential character. Contact Roanoke County Planning and Zoning at (540) 772-2068 for permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Roanoke County (distinct from Roanoke City) has home occupation regulations requiring home-based businesses to be accessory uses in residential dwellings; contact Planning and Zoning at (540) 772-2068 for specifics.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction; local home occupation rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Virginia cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Roanoke County has home occupation regulations (view Home Occupation Regulations at roanokecountyva.gov). More than one home occupation permitted per dwelling but each must meet set standards and maintain residential character. Contact Roanoke County Planning and Zoning at (540) 772-2068 for permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales; Roanoke County home occupation rules require residential character be maintained and may restrict customer visits. Farmers markets, events, and in-state online delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Limited to residential character per Roanoke County home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

Roanoke County home occupation regulations (roanokecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5647)

RESEARCH NOTES

Roanoke County (FIPS 51161) is distinct from Roanoke City (FIPS 51770). Roanoke County FAQ confirms home-based businesses are allowed as accessory uses in residential dwellings; multiple home occupations per unit permitted but each must meet set standards. Home Occupation Regulations document at roanokecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5647. No county-specific cottage food permit beyond Virginia state requirements. The county has no independent city status and does not include the City of Roanoke.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.roanokecountyva.gov

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

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

https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/FAQ.aspx?QID=301

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VIRGINIA: ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1707* · FIPS 51163 · —

Rockbridge County

Population 22,368 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rockbridge County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county near Lexington and Buena Vista. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Rockbridge County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rockbridge County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rockbridge County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county near Lexington and Buena Vista. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Rockbridge County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rockbridge County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Rockbridge County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rockbridge County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. County seat field is blank in input. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.rockbridgecountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1606* · FIPS 51165 · —

Rockingham County

Population 83,905 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia cottage food: non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. Allowed: candies, jams, jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed but capped at $9,000/year. Labels must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' in all caps. No registration, no inspection.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Rockingham County (Harrisonburg area) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Rockingham County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Rockingham County Planning and Community Development. Note: the county seat field was blank in the input; Harrisonburg is the independent city at the county seat location.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Department may inspect upon consumer complaint (§3.2-5130(D)).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia cottage food: non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. Allowed: candies, jams, jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH ≤4.6) allowed but capped at $9,000/year. Labels must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' in all caps. No registration, no inspection.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Department may inspect upon consumer complaint (§3.2-5130(D)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Rockingham County (Harrisonburg area) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Rockingham County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Rockingham County Planning and Community Development. Note: the county seat field was blank in the input; Harrisonburg is the independent city at the county seat location.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only (in-person). No resale, no consignment, no sales to retail food establishments. Products must be sold directly from producer to end consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Rockingham County-specific cottage food code identified. Va. Code §3.2-5130 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rockingham County is in the Shenandoah Valley (Harrisonburg is the independent city co-located with county seat). Virginia cottage food is notably restrictive on acidified/pickled foods ($9,000/year cap). No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official Virginia Law source; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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VIRGINIA: RUSSELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1706* · FIPS 51167 · Lebanon

Russell County

Population 25,420 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Russell County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Russell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Russell County Planning (Lebanon, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Russell County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Russell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Russell County Planning (Lebanon, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Russell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Russell County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.russellcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SALEM CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1800* · FIPS 51775 · Salem

Salem city

Population 25,908 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Salem is an independent city adjacent to Roanoke County in southwest Virginia. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Salem city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Salem City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Salem is an independent city adjacent to Roanoke County in southwest Virginia. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Salem city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Salem City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Salem City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Salem city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.salemva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SCOTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1705* · FIPS 51169 · Gate City

Scott County

Population 21,388 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Scott County is a rural far southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Scott County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Scott County Planning (Gate City, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Scott County is a rural far southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Scott County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Scott County Planning (Gate City, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Scott County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Scott County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.scottcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SHENANDOAH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1704* · FIPS 51171 · Woodstock

Shenandoah County

Population 45,441 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Shenandoah County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Shenandoah County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Shenandoah County Planning (Woodstock, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Shenandoah County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Shenandoah County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Shenandoah County Planning (Woodstock, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Shenandoah County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Shenandoah County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.shenandoahcountyva.us/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SMYTH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1703* · FIPS 51173 · Marion

Smyth County

Population 29,137 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Smyth County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Smyth County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Smyth County Planning (Marion, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Smyth County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Smyth County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Smyth County Planning (Marion, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Smyth County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Smyth County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.smythcountyva.gov/

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1702* · FIPS 51175 · Courtland

Southampton County

Population 17,941 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Southampton County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Southampton County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Southampton County Planning (Courtland, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Southampton County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Southampton County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Southampton County Planning (Courtland, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Southampton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Southampton County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.southamptoncountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1564* · FIPS 51177 · Spotsylvania

Spotsylvania County

Population 141,097 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required at state level for most cottage foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000 annual gross sales (one of the lowest caps in the US for acidified foods). Products must bear label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Spotsylvania County zoning ordinance (Spotsylvania, VA) applies in unincorporated areas. The county is a rapidly growing suburban county in the DC metro area. Home occupation permits may be required under county zoning. Check Spotsylvania County Zoning Division at spotsylvania.va.us.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required at state level for most cottage foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at $9,000 annual gross sales (one of the lowest caps in the US for acidified foods). Products must bear label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products only. Products stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Spotsylvania County zoning ordinance (Spotsylvania, VA) applies in unincorporated areas. The county is a rapidly growing suburban county in the DC metro area. Home occupation permits may be required under county zoning. Check Spotsylvania County Zoning Division at spotsylvania.va.us.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, at farmers markets, roadside stands, online (local delivery), and similar venues. No resale or wholesale to food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

Spotsylvania County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); not specifically identified for cottage food.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (VA) confirmed: Va. Code §3.2-5130, direct sales only, $9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables, distinctive label requirement. Spotsylvania County govt URL confirmed. No specific county cottage food ordinance found. Spotsylvania is a growing Northern Virginia suburban county; home occupation permits likely required under county zoning. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.spotsylvania.va.us
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/
https://www.spotsylvania.va.us

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

VIRGINIA: STAFFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2810* · FIPS 51179 · Stafford

Stafford County

Population 157,606 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Virginia has two pathways: (1) Va. Code §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption — no registration or inspection for direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS shelf-stable foods (limited list including candies, jams, jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, roasted coffee, cereals, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control). Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Must label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' (2) VDACS Home Food Processing Operation permit ($40/year) allows broader foods but requires inspection. Zoning approval required for either pathway.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

If pets are present, food processing and storage areas must be completely enclosed/separated from the rest of the home with a solid hinged door that can be latched (per VDACS Home Food Processing requirements). Under the cottage food exemption, no specific pet separation requirement.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (VDACS application requires written documentation of zoning approval from the local zoning office before processing. Stafford County has zoning rules for home occupations. Must provide proof of zoning approval for the VDACS permit pathway. The §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption also benefits from zoning compliance.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection for §3.2-5130 exemption; initial inspection required for VDACS Home Food Processing permit.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Virginia has two pathways: (1) Va. Code §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption — no registration or inspection for direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS shelf-stable foods (limited list including candies, jams, jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, roasted coffee, cereals, granola, baked goods not requiring temperature control). Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at $9,000/year. Must label 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' (2) VDACS Home Food Processing Operation permit ($40/year) allows broader foods but requires inspection. Zoning approval required for either pathway.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	If pets are present, food processing and storage areas must be completely enclosed/separated from the rest of the home with a solid hinged door that can be latched (per VDACS Home Food Processing requirements). Under the cottage food exemption, no specific pet separation requirement.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform bacteria water test (less than 6 months old) for VDACS Home Food Processing permit. No testing required under §3.2-5130 exemption.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facility required per VDACS Home Food Processing application. Good practices apply under cottage food exemption.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only under cottage food exemption. Proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection for §3.2-5130 exemption; initial inspection required for VDACS Home Food Processing permit.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — VDACS application requires written documentation of zoning approval from the local zoning office before processing. Stafford County has zoning rules for home occupations. Must provide proof of zoning approval for the VDACS permit pathway. The §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption also benefits from zoning compliance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under §3.2-5130 exemption: direct-to-consumer sales only; no resale to food establishments. Under VDACS permit: direct sales and some wholesale allowed. No interstate sales under either pathway.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Number of employees must be listed on VDACS Home Food Processing application. Home occupation rules may limit non-resident employees under Stafford County zoning.

Relevant county code

Stafford County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large county. VDACS Home Food Processing permit application confirmed: zoning approval required, $40/year fee, initial inspection, private water testing for wells. Virginia distinctive 'NOT FOR RESALE' label requirement applies. Stafford County URL verified. No county-specific cottage food code beyond state framework identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://staffordcountyva.gov
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/homefdapplication.pdf
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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

VIRGINIA: STAUNTON CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1799* · FIPS 51790 · Staunton

Staunton city

Population 26,361 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Staunton is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Staunton city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Staunton City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Staunton is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Staunton city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Staunton City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Staunton City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Staunton city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.staunton.va.us/

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: SUFFOLK CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2272* · FIPS 51800 · Suffolk

Suffolk city

Population 94,856 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Suffolk City (independent city) has home occupation rules within its zoning code; operators must comply with local home-based business requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state restriction; local home occupation rules may apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Suffolk City (independent city, Virginia's largest city by area) requires home occupation compliance with local zoning code. Operators should contact Suffolk City Zoning (757-514-4150) for home-based business requirements. Suffolk is geographically large with rural and suburban areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. No stated cap for non-acidified cottage foods; $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Suffolk City (independent city) has home occupation rules within its zoning code; operators must comply with local home-based business requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction; local home occupation rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Virginia cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Suffolk City (independent city, Virginia's largest city by area) requires home occupation compliance with local zoning code. Operators should contact Suffolk City Zoning (757-514-4150) for home-based business requirements. Suffolk is geographically large with rural and suburban areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia allows direct sales; Suffolk City home occupation rules govern customer visits. In-state online sales, farmers markets, and events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Limited to residential character per Suffolk City home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

Suffolk City Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); contact Planning & Community Development at (757) 514-4150.

RESEARCH NOTES

Suffolk City (FIPS 51800) is an independent city and one of Virginia's largest cities by land area (approximately 430 sq miles). Suffolk City website available at suffolkva.us. No Suffolk-specific cottage food rules found beyond Virginia state baseline and general home occupation zoning. Suffolk has a mix of urban, suburban, and agricultural areas. Local zoning varies by area within the city.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.suffolkva.us

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

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

https://www.suffolkva.us

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VIRGINIA: SURRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1701* · FIPS 51181 · Surry

Surry County

Population 6,579 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Surry County is a small, rural Tidewater county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Surry County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Surry County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Surry County is a small, rural Tidewater county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Surry County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Surry County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Surry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Surry County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.surrycountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: SUSSEX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1700* · FIPS 51183 · Sussex

Sussex County

Population 10,753 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Sussex County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Sussex County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Sussex County Planning (Sussex, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Sussex County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sussex County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Sussex County Planning (Sussex, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Sussex County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sussex County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sussexcountyva.gov/

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

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

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

VIRGINIA: TAZEWELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1699* · FIPS 51185 · Tazewell

Tazewell County

Population 38,875 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Tazewell County is a rural southwest Virginia county in the coalfields region. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Tazewell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Tazewell County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Tazewell County is a rural southwest Virginia county in the coalfields region. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Tazewell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Tazewell County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Tazewell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Tazewell County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.tazewellcountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: VIRGINIA BEACH CITY

CROSODO INDEX #2244* · FIPS 51810 · Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach city

Population 457,900 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia cottage food law exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection (Va. Code §3.2-5130). Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Virginia Beach zoning requires home occupation compliance.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; standard food safety GMP applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Virginia Beach Zoning Ordinance requires home occupations to comply with accessory use standards. Home occupations in residential zones are permitted as accessory uses; must not generate traffic beyond normal residential levels, no external evidence of business, no employees other than family members in residence, no sales to general public from premises except for agricultural products. A Conditional Use Permit may be required for customer-facing home operations. Virginia Beach Planning Dept: 757-385-8074.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia cottage food law exempts non-TCS shelf-stable foods from licensing and inspection (Va. Code §3.2-5130). Permitted items: candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixes, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at $9,000/year. Label must state 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Virginia Beach zoning requires home occupation compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; standard food safety GMP applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Not specified in state cottage food statute; standard food safety practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable storage. Products not requiring temperature control only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Virginia Beach Zoning Ordinance requires home occupations to comply with accessory use standards. Home occupations in residential zones are permitted as accessory uses; must not generate traffic beyond normal residential levels, no external evidence of business, no employees other than family members in residence, no sales to general public from premises except for agricultural products. A Conditional Use Permit may be required for customer-facing home operations. Virginia Beach Planning Dept: 757-385-8074.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No resale, consignment, or sales to retail food establishments. Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, home delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only family members occupying the dwelling; no outside employees for home occupation.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (state cottage food); Virginia Beach Zoning Ordinance §111 et seq. (accessory use/home occupation).

RESEARCH NOTES

Virginia Beach is an independent city (FIPS 51810), functions as its own county-equivalent. State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) is well-documented with no registration required for non-acidified foods. Pickles/acidified cap is $9,000/year (very low). Virginia Beach zoning ordinance limits home occupations in residential zones as accessory uses. No explicit cottage food zoning preemption in Virginia (unlike Florida), so local compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; city-specific zoning details not fully extracted from official code.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://planning.virginiabeach.gov/zoning

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

https://planning.virginiabeach.gov/zoning

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/virginia-beach-VA/chapter_4

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VIRGINIA: WARREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1780* · FIPS 51187 · Front Royal

Warren County

Population 42,461 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Warren County is a northern Shenandoah Valley county with the county seat of Front Royal. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Warren County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Warren County Planning (Front Royal, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Warren County is a northern Shenandoah Valley county with the county seat of Front Royal. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Warren County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Warren County Planning (Front Royal, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Warren County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Warren County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.warrencountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1665* · FIPS 51191 · Abingdon

Washington County

Population 53,985 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to $9,000 annual cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific VA or Washington County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Washington County includes Abingdon, a small historic town in far southwest Virginia. No specific Washington County cottage food ordinance identified. County or Town of Abingdon may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Washington County government in Abingdon.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only. Allowed: candies, jams/jellies (not acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, baked goods, and more. Pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) subject to $9,000 annual cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific VA or Washington County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Mandatory label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Washington County includes Abingdon, a small historic town in far southwest Virginia. No specific Washington County cottage food ordinance identified. County or Town of Abingdon may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Washington County government in Abingdon.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No consignment or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in VA statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130; no Washington County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County is in far southwest Virginia (Appalachian region). No county-specific cottage food rules found. Virginia state baseline applies. The $9,000 annual cap for pickles/acidified vegetables is among the lowest in the country.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml
https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/

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VIRGINIA: WAYNESBORO CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1798* · FIPS 51820 · Waynesboro

Waynesboro city

Population 23,498 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Waynesboro is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley adjacent to Augusta County. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Waynesboro city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Waynesboro City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Waynesboro is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley adjacent to Augusta County. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Waynesboro city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Waynesboro City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Waynesboro City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Waynesboro city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.waynesboro.va.us/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WESTMORELAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1771* · FIPS 51193 · Montross

Westmoreland County

Population 19,235 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Westmoreland County is a rural Northern Neck county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Westmoreland County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Westmoreland County Planning (Montross, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Westmoreland County is a rural Northern Neck county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Westmoreland County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Westmoreland County Planning (Montross, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Westmoreland County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Westmoreland County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.westmoreland-county.org/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WILLIAMSBURG CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1797* · FIPS 51830 · Williamsburg

Williamsburg city

Population 16,030 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Williamsburg is an independent city in the Virginia Peninsula area (surrounded by James City County and York County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Williamsburg city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact the City of Williamsburg Department of Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Williamsburg is an independent city in the Virginia Peninsula area (surrounded by James City County and York County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Williamsburg city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact the City of Williamsburg Department of Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Williamsburg City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Williamsburg city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.williamsburgva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WINCHESTER CITY

CROSODO INDEX #1796* · FIPS 51840 · Winchester

Winchester city

Population 27,800 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Winchester is an independent city in the northern Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Winchester city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Winchester City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Winchester is an independent city in the northern Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Winchester city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Winchester City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Winchester City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Winchester city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.winchesterva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WISE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1782* · FIPS 51195 · Wise

Wise County

Population 34,973 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wise County is a rural far southwest Virginia county in the coalfields. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Wise County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wise County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wise County is a rural far southwest Virginia county in the coalfields. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Wise County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wise County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Wise County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Wise County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.wisecountyva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: WYTHE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1819* · FIPS 51197 · Wytheville

Wythe County

Population 28,100 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wythe County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Wythe County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wythe County Planning (Wytheville, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Conditional (VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wythe County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Wythe County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wythe County Planning (Wytheville, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Wythe County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Wythe County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.wytheva.gov/

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

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

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VIRGINIA: YORK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1681* · FIPS 51199 · Yorktown

York County

Population 70,238 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (No food handler cert required. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no internet or mail order sales; no retail outside state. Tiered annual sales cap applies. Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (York County Zoning Ordinance §24.1-280 through §24.1-283 governs home occupations. A Zoning Clearance for Home Occupation is required from the Commissioner of Revenue and Zoning & Code Enforcement office (757-890-3523). Food preparation for off-premises sale with no on-site customer contact does NOT require a Special Use Permit. On-site customer pickup requires a Special Use Permit allowing max 1 customer/hour, 5 customers/day, by appointment only, Mon-Sat 8am-8pm. Max 2 non-resident employees without Special Use Permit. Operation limited to 400 sq ft or 25% of residence floor area.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under state cottage food law)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No food handler cert required. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no internet or mail order sales; no retail outside state. Tiered annual sales cap applies. Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under state cottage food law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — York County Zoning Ordinance §24.1-280 through §24.1-283 governs home occupations. A Zoning Clearance for Home Occupation is required from the Commissioner of Revenue and Zoning & Code Enforcement office (757-890-3523). Food preparation for off-premises sale with no on-site customer contact does NOT require a Special Use Permit. On-site customer pickup requires a Special Use Permit allowing max 1 customer/hour, 5 customers/day, by appointment only, Mon-Sat 8am-8pm. Max 2 non-resident employees without Special Use Permit. Operation limited to 400 sq ft or 25% of residence floor area.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Off-premises sales (markets, delivery) allowed without Special Use Permit. On-site retail requires Special Use Permit with appointment-only restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No more than 2 non-resident employees without Special Use Permit

Relevant county code

York County Code §24.1-280, §24.1-281, §24.1-282, §24.1-283

RESEARCH NOTES

York County VA has specific and detailed home occupation zoning code (§24.1-280 through 24.1-283). Key finding: food preparation for off-premises sale with no on-site customer contact is explicitly exempted from Special Use Permit requirement. On-site customer pickup (pickup at home) requires SUP with appointment-only restrictions. No exterior signage visible from street allowed. Zoning clearance required from Commissioner of Revenue. County planning URL confirmed. Application form (revised 10/21/2024) available on county website.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning

https://www.yorkcounty.gov

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

https://www.yorkcounty.gov/4108/Zoning-Codes

https://www.yorkcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/661/Application-for-Home-Based-Business-PDF?bidId=

https://www.yorkcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58839/item4c_091724

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Questions?

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