

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Arkansas

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021).

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE
<b>A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)</b>	<b>Freedom</b>	<b>B+</b>

COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
<b>75</b>	<b>2026-05-05</b>

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

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## Executive summary

This report covers the Arkansas 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 75 Arkansas counties included in this dataset.

**ANNUAL SALES CAP**

none

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

no

**FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION**

no

**KITCHEN INSPECTION**

no

**DIRECT SALES ONLY**

no

**INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)**

yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas replaced its prior cottage food law with the Food Freedom Act (SB 248, Act 1040) effective July 2021, one of the most permissive in the country. Prior law (Act 72, 2011, amended 2017, 2019, 2021) limited to 5 food categories and direct sales only. The statute\_url points to the act PDF; the codified citation is A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. The state dept cottage food URL returned a 404 as of verification date. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales are allowed — unusual nationally.

# Arkansas Food Freedom Act (SB 248 / Act 1040)

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**CITATION**

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)

**ENACTED**

2021

**LAST AMENDED**

2021

**CONFIDENCE**

MEDIUM

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## Allowed foods

Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directly to consumers, including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks, and snacks. Interstate sales are permitted and retail/wholesale channels are allowed as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer.

## Prohibited foods

Prohibited foods include perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, and meat jerkies. Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

## Labeling requirements

Labels must include the producer's name, address, and phone number (or a state ag department ID number as an alternative), and all required product information. Online listings must display the same labeling information. Acidified foods require a unique batch number on labels.

## Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

### Statute excerpt — verbatim

SB248 - TO CREATE THE FOOD FREEDOM ACT; AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PRODUCERS OF HOMEMADE FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCTS FROM LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND INSPECTION. Under the food freedom law, producers can sell their homemade food almost anywhere, including sales through grocery and retail stores. Even interstate sales are allowed. Producers can sell almost any type of nonperishable food, though producers who sell acidified foods (e.g. pickles) must follow additional requirements. There is no sales limit, and a producer does not need to get a permit from the health department. The food freedom law specifically prevents state and local governments from restricting home food producers. Products must be sold to an informed end consumer. For instance, a grocery or retail store could sell your products to their customers, who are end consumers and can see your product labels. If you want to sell pickles or other acidified foods, you must ensure that the final pH level of the product is 4.6 or below by doing one of the following: Use a recipe from an approved source; Get your product tested in a lab; Test each batch with a calibrated pH meter.

Source: <https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R&measureno=SB248>

## Official sources

**Statute** <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

**State dept page** <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

**Extension service** <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/special-programs/value-added-food-program/cottage-food.aspx>

**Forrager.com** <https://forrager.com/law/arkansas/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **Arkansas Department of Health**

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## 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 75 Arkansas counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 178 · FIPS 5119 · Little Rock

## Pulaski County

Population 398,322 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) allows almost all nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods directly to consumers with no permit, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales permitted. Retail and wholesale channels allowed if informed end consumer is final buyer. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state AND local government restriction on home food producers — strongest preemption in the country.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-perishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing at or below 4.6 with batch-number labeling.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No inspection required or permitted under Arkansas Food Freedom Act. State preempts local regulation.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations. Pulaski County and Little Rock cannot impose additional permits, licenses, or inspections on cottage food operations.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
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<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	No restrictions on sales channels: direct sales, farmers markets, online, interstate, retail, and wholesale to informed end consumers all permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified; commercial kitchen use prohibited.

### Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Arkansas Food Freedom Act) — expressly preempts all local government restrictions.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) confirmed from state baseline. Enacted 2021 (Act 1040). Among the most permissive cottage food laws in the country. Expressly preempts all local government restrictions — Pulaski County/Little Rock cannot add permits, licenses, or inspections. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies; acidified foods require pH testing. Interstate sales allowed (rare nationally). Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Arkansas state dept cottage food URL was returning 404 per state baseline notes.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.pulaskicounty.net>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 241 · FIPS 5007 · Bentonville

## Benton County

Population 286,528 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021); no registration, no inspection, no sales cap; home kitchen allowed; direct and indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods; no state license, permit, or inspection required; labeling required
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water at residence
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — AR does not preempt local zoning. Benton County and City of Bentonville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, online permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

### Relevant county code

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

AR Freedom-tier state — very permissive, no sales cap, no registration. Benton County is fast-growing NW Arkansas (Walmart HQ area, Bentonville). No county-specific overlay found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.bentoncountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 276 · FIPS 5143 · Fayetteville

# Washington County

Population 247,331 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Must operate from primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State law expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Acidified foods require pH testing at or below 4.6.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state testing requirement for cottage food
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal certification required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No refrigerated TCS finished products; acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing ( $\leq 4.6$ ) and batch-number labeling

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — State Food Freedom Act preempts all regulation; no inspection authority
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit can be required for cottage food operations in Washington County.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, wholesale, restaurant sales all permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in statute; must be primary residence

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act) preempts local ordinances

### RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County AR follows the Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201), one of the most permissive nationally. The law expressly preempts local restriction. Fayetteville is home to University of Arkansas. No county-specific cottage food rules found or needed due to state preemption. Interstate sales allowed. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Washington County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

RANK 499 · FIPS 5131 · —

## Sebastian County

Population 128,184 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — One of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directly to consumers. Interstate sales permitted. Retail/wholesale channels allowed as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer. No registration, permit, or inspection required. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state law. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required (good practice); no specific mandate for cottage food.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices; no state mandate.

**FOOD STORAGE** Nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

### Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** no — No routine inspection. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required for cottage food operations. Sebastian County and Fort Smith cannot impose additional restrictions.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Sales permitted through any channel — direct from home, farmers markets, online, retail, wholesale, interstate delivery — as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified; must operate from primary residence kitchen.

### Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local restrictions; Sebastian County cannot impose additional rules.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline (AR) confirmed: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act), one of the most permissive in the country, expressly preempts local restrictions. County seat field blank in input data — Fort Smith is the largest city and effectively the county seat of Sebastian County (Sebastian County actually has two county seats: Fort Smith and Greenwood). Sebastian County govt URL confirmed. No county-specific cottage food URLs needed given state preemption. Confidence medium (state sources confirmed; county .gov confirmed but not for specific cottage food provisions).

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.sebastiancountyar.gov>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.sebastiancountyar.gov>

RANK 504 · FIPS 5045 · Conway

## Faulkner County

Population 124,611 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state or county restrictions beyond standard sanitation.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices recommended; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored per common food safety practices. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits local governments from requiring inspections. State law preempts local restrictions entirely.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including permit requirements. No home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale channels, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions under the Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation and expressly preempts all local restrictions. County-level zoning and permitting requirements for cottage food are therefore inapplicable. State tier is 'Freedom.' No county-specific health or planning URLs in input. Confidence medium: state law well-documented and preemption is explicit; no county-specific research was conducted since preemption eliminates county-level requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.faulknercounty.org>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.faulknercounty.org>

RANK 508 · FIPS 5125 · Benton

## Saline County

Population 123,988 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited under this exemption.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits inspections and local restrictions entirely.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements for home food producers.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales; online, retail/wholesale, and interstate sales all permitted. No channel restrictions under the Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

### Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation and expressly preempts all local restrictions. State tier is 'Freedom.' No county-specific URLs provided in input. Saline County is adjacent to Little Rock metro. State law preemption eliminates need for county-level research on permits/inspections.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

RANK 544 · FIPS 5031 · Jonesboro

## Craighead County

Population 111,038 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Food Freedom Act, Act 1040 of 2021); no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct and indirect sales; state law expressly preempts local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is Jonesboro.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no formal requirement under Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act prohibits all local restrictions including inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts all local government restrictions including permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (preempts local rules)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) preempts all local restrictions. State tier is 'Freedom.' Craighead County includes Jonesboro (pop ~80K), home of Arkansas State University. County seat was blank in input; it is Jonesboro. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

RANK 598 · FIPS 5051 · Hot Springs

## Garland County

Population 100,021 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (2021): No license, fee, registration, or inspection required. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales are allowed — unusual nationally. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices required.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Almost all nonperishable, non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local regulation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food operations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Interstate and in-state sales permitted. Retail/wholesale channels allowed as long as informed end consumer is the final buyer. Online sales, delivery, and all sales channels permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

## Relevant county code

Arkansas state law expressly preempts local regulation: A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. No Garland County code section applies to cottage food.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Garland County was flagged as 'verified-large' and has a county\_govt\_url. Hot Springs is a historic resort city in the Ouachita Mountains. Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local regulation — one of the most producer-friendly legal structures in the country. No county-specific restrictions apply by law. Confidence medium (county govt URL exists but no county-specific cottage food rules needed or expected).

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.garlandcounty.org>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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# White County

Population 77,118 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

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## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use is prohibited. The law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed (unusual nationally).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Acidified foods such as pickles require pH testing (final pH at or below 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. State law preempts local inspection requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted. State law preempts local restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No restriction specified.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local ordinances. No White County-specific code section applicable.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) is one of the most permissive in the nation. State law explicitly preempts local government from restricting home food producers, meaning no White County home occupation permit can be required. Interstate sales allowed — unusual nationally. No White County-specific overrides possible. Confidence: medium (state law confirmed via baseline, ADH website returned 404 at verification).

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 736 · FIPS 5085 · Lonoke

## Lonoke County

Population 74,292 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. Interstate sales allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Acidified foods (e.g., pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State law preempts local inspection requirements. No routine inspection.
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No restriction specified.

### Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-201 preempts local ordinances.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Lonoke County follows Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021). State law expressly preempts local restrictions. No Lonoke County-specific overrides possible. Confidence: medium (state law confirmed via baseline).

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 792 · FIPS 5069 · Pine Bluff

## Jefferson County

Population 66,934 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct and indirect sales allowed. Broad food allowances. No out-of-state sales.

**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 shelf-stable products

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a regional center. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Pine Bluff has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

### Relevant county code

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Freedom-tier state. Very permissive - no cap, no registration, no inspection. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a historically significant city in SE Arkansas. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

# Pope County

Population 63,475 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act: must operate from a primary residence kitchen (commercial kitchen use prohibited). State expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. No license, registration, or inspection required. Interstate sales allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; good practice recommended
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable non-PHF foods primarily; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; no registration or permit required
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers. No local permit required for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Almost no restrictions: any channel including internet, mail, retail, wholesale. Interstate sales allowed (unusual nationally). Commercial kitchen use is prohibited — must use primary residence.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit

## Relevant county code

State preempts local restrictions — no county code applies to cottage food

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040, 2021) is one of the most permissive: no cap, no registration, no inspection, interstate sales allowed, state preempts local restrictions. Pope County includes Russellville (home to Arkansas Tech University). No county-specific restrictions possible due to state preemption. No county URLs in input.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

RANK 861 · FIPS 5033 · Van Buren

## Crawford County

Population 60,593 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act) ·

MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary residence kitchen only (commercial kitchen prohibited). No registration, no inspection, no food handler cert, no sales cap required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods must be stored appropriately; no specific state mandate.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection authority for cottage food operations under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers, including local permit requirements. Crawford County cannot impose cottage food licensing or permit requirements beyond what state law allows.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Almost all channels allowed including direct to consumer, retail, wholesale (if informed end consumer is final buyer), internet sales, and interstate sales. Acidified foods require pH testing and batch labeling.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

State preemption applies; Crawford County cannot impose additional cottage food restrictions.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (SB 248, Act 1040 of 2021) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the nation, including explicit state preemption of local restrictions. Crawford County cannot add requirements beyond state law. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and production records. Interstate sales are uniquely allowed. Perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, and meat jerkies are prohibited.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5001 · DeWitt / Stuttgart

# Arkansas County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5003 · Hamburg

# Ashley County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5005 · Mountain Home

# Baxter County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5009 · Harrison

# Boone County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5011 · Warren

# Bradley County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5013 · Hampton

# Calhoun County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5015 · Berryville / Eureka Springs

# Carroll County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5017 · Lake Village

# Chicot County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5019 · Arkadelphia

# Clark County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5021 · Corning / Piggott

# Clay County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5023 · Heber Springs

# Cleburne County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
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## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5025 · Rison

# Cleveland County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
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## Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5027 · Magnolia

# Columbia County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5029 · Morrilton

# Conway County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5035 · Marion

# Crittenden County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5037 · Wynne

# Cross County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5039 · Fordyce

# Dallas County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices strongly encouraged; no mandatory food handler certification required under the Food Freedom Act.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

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### RESEARCH NOTES

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5041 · Arkansas City

# Desha County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5043 · Monticello

# Drew County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	conditional — No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5047 · Ozark / Charleston

# Franklin County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard potable water; no specific water testing requirement under the Food Freedom Act.
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testing to confirm final pH at or below 4.6.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.
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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5049 · Salem

# Fulton County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5053 · Sheridan

# Grant County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: producer name, address, phone (or ID number), date produced, ingredients, and disclosure statement that product is not inspected. No state registration, license, or inspection required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit limit under state law; an agent (employee, friend) may deliver on behalf of the producer.

## Relevant county code

A.C.A. §20-57-506 (preemption of county and municipal regulation); A.C.A. §20-57-201 et seq. (Food Freedom Act definitions and requirements).

### RESEARCH NOTES

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021) expressly preempts county and municipal governments from prohibiting or regulating home food production (§20-57-506). No state registration, inspection, or food handler certification required. Business license may be required locally — some cities (e.g., Little Rock) require a license for home cake sales. No county-specific ordinances found that deviate from state baseline, as state preemption is explicit. Acidified foods require pH at or below 4.6. Foods cannot be sold to restaurants. ADH's July 2025 Homemade Food Guide confirms current rules.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?type=PDF&file=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Homemade-Food-Guide-2025-July.pdf>

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5055 · Paragould

# Greene County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.greenecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.greenecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5057 · Hope

## Hempstead County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.hempsteadcounty.org/>

<https://www.hempsteadcounty.org/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5059 · Malvern

# Hot Spring County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.hotspringcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.hotspringcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5061 · Nashville

## Howard County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.howardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.howardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5063 · Batesville

# Independence County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.independencountyar.com/>

<https://www.independencountyar.com/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5065 · Melbourne

## Izard County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.izardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.izardcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5067 · Newport

# Jackson County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.jacksoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.jacksoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5071 · Clarksville

## Johnson County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.johnsoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.johnsoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5073 · Lewisville

# Lafayette County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lafayettecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.lafayettecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5075 · Walnut Ridge

## Lawrence County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lawrencecountyar.org/>

<https://www.lawrencecountyar.org/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5077 · Marianna

# Lee County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.leecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.leecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5079 · Star City

# Lincoln County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.lincolncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.lincolncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5081 · Ashdown

# Little River County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.littlerivercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.littlerivercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5083 · Paris

## Logan County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.logancountyar.gov/>

<https://www.logancountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5087 · Huntsville

# Madison County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.madisoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.madisoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5089 · Yellville

## Marion County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

**Customer-facing rules**

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

**Relevant county code**

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>
- <https://www.marioncountyar.gov/>
- <https://www.marioncountyar.gov/>
- <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>
- <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5091 · Texarkana

## Miller County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.millercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.millercountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5093 · Blytheville

## Mississippi County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.mississippicountyar.gov/>

<https://www.mississippicountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5095 · Clarendon

# Monroe County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.monroecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.monroecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5097 · Mount Ida

# Montgomery County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.montgomerycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.montgomerycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5099 · Prescott

## Nevada County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.nevadacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.nevadacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5101 · Jasper

## Newton County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.newtoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.newtoncountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5103 · Camden

# Ouachita County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.ouachitacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.ouachitacountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5105 · Perryville

## Perry County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.perrycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.perrycountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5107 · Helena

# Phillips County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.phillipscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.phillipscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5109 · Murfreesboro

## Pike County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.pikecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.pikecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5111 · Harrisburg

# Poinsett County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.poinsettcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.poinsettcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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## Polk County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.polkcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.polkcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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# Prairie County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.prairiecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.prairiecountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5121 · Pocahontas

## Randolph County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.randolphcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.randolphcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5123 · Forrest City

# St. Francis County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.stfranciscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.stfranciscountyar.gov/>

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5127 · Waldron

## Scott County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.scottcountyar.gov/>

<https://www.scottcountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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# Searcy County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.searcycountyar.gov/>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5133 · De Queen

## Sevier County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.seviercountyar.gov/>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5135 · Ash Flat

# Sharp County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.sharpcountyar.gov/>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5137 · Mountain View

## Stone County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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<https://www.stonecountyar.gov/>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5139 · El Dorado

# Union County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Arkansas Food Freedom Act (Act 1040 of 2021, A.C.A. §20-57-201) is one of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. It expressly preempts local government restrictions. No county-specific regulations found or applicable. Allowed foods: nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, carbonated drinks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, meat jerkies. Acidified foods require pH testing. No sales cap, no registration, no inspection required.

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<https://www.unioncountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 5141 · Clinton

## Van Buren County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** yes

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/county-health-units>

<https://www.vanburencountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5147 · Augusta

# Woodruff County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitary practices required; dedicated handwashing sink not mandated by statute
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

## Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

**RESEARCH NOTES**

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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<https://www.woodruffcountyar.gov/>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 5149 · Danville

## Yell County

Population 0 · State baseline: A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempts local government restrictions on home food producers.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply
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<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	no — No routine inspection required under Act 1040; complaint-based investigation possible
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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	no — state law preempts local restrictions — A.C.A. §20-57-201 explicitly preempts both state and local government from restricting home food producers; no county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	no — preempted by state law

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No statutory limit specified

### Relevant county code

N/A — state preemption applies; no applicable county code

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