

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Talladega County

Alabama · Talladega · FIPS 01121 · Population 81,105 ·
Crosodo Index #1609*

STATE BASELINE

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Talladega County, Alabama — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Alabama label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form submitted to Talladega County Health Department. Direct sales within Alabama only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Talladega County and the City of Talladega (known for Talladega Superspeedway NASCAR track) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Talladega County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No food service permit required. County health department may not regulate production beyond review form per §22-20-5.1.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form submitted to Talladega County Health Department. Direct sales within Alabama only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No food service permit required. County health department may not regulate production beyond review form per §22-20-5.1.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Talladega County and the City of Talladega (known for Talladega Superspeedway NASCAR track) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Talladega County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Alabama only: in-person, by phone, or online with in-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Talladega County-specific cottage food code identified. Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Talladega County follows Alabama cottage food law. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.talladegacounty.gov>

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/assets/cottagfoodlawinformation.pdf>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-22/title-1/chapter-20/section-22-20-5-1/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Talladega County	St. Clair County	Calhoun County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.	No specific state restriction; county health approval may review kitchen conditions.	Standard sanitation practices; no specific state prohibition for standard cottage foods.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Alabama only: in-person, by phone, or online with in-state delivery.	Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.	Alabama allows direct sales and online/in-state shipping (2021 amendment). No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail store channels.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form s...	Alabama cottage food law (§22-20-5.1, 2021 amendment): no sales cap, direct sales only. Must complete state-approved food safety course and...	Alabama allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from home kitchen. Producer must complete state-approved food safety course and obta...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only.	Shelf-stable non-TCS products. Freeze-dried foods require water-activity testing. Acidified foods require pH testing.
POPULATION	81,105	91,719	116,162

State context — Alabama cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Alabama cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/alabama.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

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

Questions about Talladega County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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