

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Walker County

Alabama · Jasper · FIPS 01127 · Population 64,978 · Crosodo
Index #1586*

STATE BASELINE

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

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.

ALABAMA: WALKER COUNTY

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Walker County

Population 64,978 · State baseline: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must complete state-approved food safety course (e.g., Learn2Serve ~\$7 or ACES course) before selling. Application to local county health department required with proof of training, sample label, and product list. Fees vary by county. Direct sales only; online/in-state shipping allowed since 2021. No sales cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Walker County Health Department administers cottage food approvals. Application with proof of food safety training, sample label, and product list required. Contact Walker County Health Department at (205) 387-2547.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; Walker County Health Department may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required

HANDWASHING

Standard handwashing required per food safety course training

FOOD STORAGE

Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No routine inspection; Walker County Health Department may investigate complaints

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**

Yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping allowed since 2021. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Walker County Health Department application process

RESEARCH NOTES

Alabama requires food safety course completion and county health department application. Walker County is a rural western Alabama coal country county near Birmingham. No specific Walker County overrides beyond standard AL framework found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.walkercounty.gov>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Walker County	Blount County	Cullman County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law, but good sanitary practices expected.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping allowed since 2021. No interstate shipping.	Direct sales only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events, online sales, and in-state shipping permitted. No wholesale to retail stores or re...	Direct sales only within Alabama: in-person, phone orders, online sales with in-state delivery. Retail/wholesale not permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must complete state-approved food safety course (e.g., Learn2Serve ~\$7 or ACES course) before selling. Application to local county health d...	Alabama cottage food law (Ala. Code §22-20-5.1, amended 2021) requires completion of a state-approved food safety course and approval from ...	Must operate from home kitchen. Only non-potentially hazardous foods are allowed (no meat, poultry, fish). Must complete a state-approved f...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only.	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general food safety practices.
POPULATION	64,978	59,077	88,284

State context — Alabama cottage food law

Walker 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
Ala. Code §22-20-5.1	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	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 Walker 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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