

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Alaska · Palmer · FIPS 02170 · Population 108,661 · Crosodo Index #1215*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
AS 17.20.332	Okay	—	MEDIUM	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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Alaska 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
- ☐ Alaska home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Alaska label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

ALASKA: MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Population 108,661 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods. No annual sales cap. Indirect sales to retail stores allowed. A business license from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce is required. Prohibited: homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Matanuska-Susitna Borough may have home occupation zoning requirements. The borough is largely rural and unincorporated areas may have minimal zoning. Incorporated areas (Palmer, Wasilla) would have municipal zoning rules. Alaska state business license required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations under the 2024 law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Matanuska-Susitna Borough may have home occupation zoning requirements. The borough is largely rural and unincorporated areas may have minimal zoning. Incorporated areas (Palmer, Wasilla) would have municipal zoning rules. Alaska state business license required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces (direct online sales allowed).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Matanuska-Susitna Borough code section identified for cottage food. State law governs: AS 17.20.332.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mat-Su Borough has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) is now one of the most permissive cottage food frameworks nationally. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule still technically exists as an alternative option for producers who don't want to disclose their home address (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable). Mat-Su Borough is the second-most-populous borough in Alaska. No borough-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/alaska/matanuska-susitna-borough-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Anchorage Municipality
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via...	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods....	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/ phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including ...	Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold inc...	Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no ...
FOOD STORAGE	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via...	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods
POPULATION	108,661	59,235	290,674

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Matanuska-Susitna Borough's rules sit on top of Alaska's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
AS 17.20.332	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Yes — Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

State dept cottage food page: <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

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

Questions about Matanuska-Susitna Borough? 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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Classifieds

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