

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Crawford County

Arkansas · Van Buren · FIPS 05033 · Population 60,593 ·
Crosodo Index #55*

STATE BASELINE

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021, Food Freedom Act)

STATE TIER

Freedom

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

Crawford County, Arkansas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific pet restriction in state law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Arkansas 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 (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 KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state law.

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.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection authority for cottage food operations under Arkansas Food Freedom Act.)

Home kitchen rules

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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

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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.crawfordcounty.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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Crawford County	Sebastian County	Washington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state law.	Not prohibited by state law. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited.	Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Almost all channels allowed including direct to consumer, retail, wholesale (if informed end consumer is final buyer), internet sales, and ...	Sales permitted through any channel — direct from home, farmers markets, online, retail, wholesale, interstate delivery — as long as an inf...	All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, whol...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food ...	One of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directl...	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods must be stored appropriately; no specific state mandate.	Nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with...	No refrigerated TCS finished products; acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (≤4.6) and batch-number labeling
POPULATION	60,593	128,184	247,331

State context — Arkansas cottage food law

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

STATUTE

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

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.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

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