

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pulaski County

Arkansas · Little Rock · FIPS 05119 · Population 398,322 ·
Crosodo Index #63*

STATE BASELINE

A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

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

[Open the live county page →](#)

[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, 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.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

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 for cottage food operations. Pulaski County and Little Rock cannot impose additional permits, licenses, or inspections on cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required or permitted under Arkansas Food Freedom Act. State preempts local regulation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-perishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing at or below 4.6 with batch-number labeling.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No inspection required or permitted under Arkansas Food Freedom Act. State preempts local regulation.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales channels: direct sales, farmers markets, online, interstate, retail, and wholesale to informed end consumers all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pulaski County	Faulkner County	Saline County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction in Arkansas Food Freedom Act.	No specific state or county restrictions beyond standard sanitation.	No specific restrictions beyond standard sanitation under Freedom Act.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	No restrictions on sales channels: direct sales, farmers markets, online, interstate, retail, and wholesale to informed end consumers all p...	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales including online, retail/wholesale channels, and interstate sales. No channel restrictions under ...	Arkansas allows direct and indirect sales; online, retail/wholesale, and interstate sales all permitted. No channel restrictions under the ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, Act 1040 of 2021) allows almost all nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods directly t...	Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary resi...	Arkansas Food Freedom Act expressly preempts state AND local government restrictions on home food producers. Must operate from primary resi...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles, etc.) require pH testing at or below 4.6 with batch-number label...	Shelf-stable products stored per common food safety practices. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-numbe...	Shelf-stable products; acidified foods require pH testing (pH ≤4.6) and batch records.
POPULATION	398,322	124,611	123,988

State context — Arkansas cottage food law

Pulaski 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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