

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Indian River County

Florida · Vero Beach · FIPS 12061 · Population 160,986 ·
Crosodo Index #1212*

STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. \$500.80

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

250000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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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

Indian River County, Florida — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Florida label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

FLORIDA: INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler certification required. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Annual sales cap of \$250,000. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (While state law preempts local health restrictions, Indian River County may require compliance with home-based business rules under Florida §559.955. A local business tax receipt may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — While state law preempts local health restrictions, Indian River County may require compliance with home-based business rules under Florida §559.955. A local business tax receipt may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted. No geographic restriction within Florida. No wholesale to food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Indian River County Code (home occupation/business zoning); Fla. Stat. §500.80

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Florida has strong preemption of local restrictions on cottage food. No Indian River County-specific cottage food code identified. \$250,000 annual cap applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Indian River County	St. Lucie County	Osceola County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No specific state restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted. No geographic restriction within Florida. No wholesale to food est...	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, events; limited indirect sales to retailers allowed; online permitted	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler cert...	Non-TCS foods only; labeling required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection	Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.
POPULATION	160,986	334,682	393,745

State context — Florida cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
Fla. Stat. §500.80	250000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Upon-complaint	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Florida cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/florida.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

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

Questions about Indian River 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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