

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Okaloosa County

Florida · Crestview · FIPS 12091 · Population 212,021 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fla. Stat. \$500.80	Great	250000	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

Okaloosa 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 explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.

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: OKALOOSA COUNTY

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Population 212,021 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. Annual sales cap: \$250,000. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) bars local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Okaloosa County is home to several military installations (Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field); county zoning applies to unincorporated areas.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Okaloosa County and municipalities (Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Destin, etc.) may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Okaloosa County Planning or relevant municipal planning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections only upon receipt of written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.

WATER SUPPLY

No water testing requirement under Florida cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

Upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee cap in Florida cottage food statute. Home-based business zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955 (home-based business rules); Okaloosa County zoning for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state baseline applies. Okaloosa County (county seat: Crestview) is in the Florida Panhandle, home to Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. Florida Health Okaloosa handles environmental health but cottage food is exempt from their permitting requirements. No county-specific overrides to Florida state law documented.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.okaloosacounty.gov>

<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

<https://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Okaloosa County	Santa Rosa County	Walton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholes...	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap (one of the highest in the country). No wholesale to di...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida cottage food law (\$500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be...	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (\$500.80(6))...	Any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginn...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	212,021	188,994	76,618

State context — Florida cottage food law

Okaloosa 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 Okaloosa 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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