

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pasco County

Florida · Dade City · FIPS 12101 · Population 569,211 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fla. Stat. \$500.80	Great	250000	HIGH	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

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

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[Florida 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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Population 569,211 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Pasco County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Pasco County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants. \$250,000 annual gross sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption applies statewide including Pasco County)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Great-tier state with strong local preemption per Fla. Stat. §500.80(6). Pasco County (including Dade City, New Port Richey, Zephyrhills areas) cannot impose additional cottage food regulations. Same framework as Brevard County FL. \$250,000 cap. Confidence high based on confirmed state preemption.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://pasco.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pasco County	Polk County	Pinellas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	Not specified in state law	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or re...	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before oper...	Florida strong state preemption applies. Must be in operator's home kitchen only. Non-TCS foods only. Production and storage in single-fami...	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no outbuildings	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; spare rooms or basements free of dampness/pests a...
POPULATION	569,211	736,229	959,918

State context — Florida cottage food law

Pasco 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 Pasco 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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