

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Putnam County

Florida · Palatka · FIPS 12107 · Population 73,604 · Crosodo  
Index #1218\*

| 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

Putnam 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

**Not specified in state 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: PUTNAM COUNTY

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## Putnam County

Population 73,604 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations beyond home-based business rules (§559.955). No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restriction found.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).)

## Home kitchen rules

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes — Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                                                  |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                                                  |
| HANDWASHING                | No food handler certification required.                                                                                                                                          |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.                                                                                                                         |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).                                                                                                                                                     |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Conditional — State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations beyond home-based business rules (§559.955). No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restriction found. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                   |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                           |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified.                                                                        |

## Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955. No Putnam County FL-specific restriction found.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Putnam County (Palatka) — note this is distinct from Tennessee's Putnam County (Cookeville, FIPS 47141). County health URL confirmed in input. Strong FL state preemption limits local interference. No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restrictions found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed, no specific county ordinance confirmed).

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://putnam.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.putnamcounty.gov>

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

<https://putnam.floridahealth.gov>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Putnam County                                                                                                                                          | Flagler County                                                                                                                                  | Clay County                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | <b>Yes</b>                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | <b>Not specified in state statute.</b>                                                                                                                 | No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.                                                                      | No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute. Standard sanitation practices apply.                                               |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | <b>Upon-complaint</b>                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | <b>Yes</b>                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | <b>Conditional</b>                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | <b>Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.</b>                                                           | Florida allows online sales, mail-order delivery, direct sales, and no wholesale to distributors/retailers. \$250,000 annual cap. State pree... | Florida cottage food law expressly permits online sales and mail-order delivery within the state. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, a...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | <b>Conditional</b>                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | <b>Varies</b>                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | <b>Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (\$500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based...</b> | Florida allows any non-TCS food from a home kitchen with no registration or permit. Inspections only upon complaint. State preemption claus...  | Florida cottage food law (\$500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | <b>Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.</b>                                                                                        | Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. TCS foods (requiring temperature control) prohibited.                                                       | Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-control-for-safety) foods only. Standard safe storage practices.                                                  |
| POPULATION                 | <b>73,604</b>                                                                                                                                          | 117,515                                                                                                                                         | 219,650                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Florida cottage food law

Putnam 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.

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| 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. |                   |

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/florida).

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### 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](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/>

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**Questions about Putnam County?** Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

[crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Putnam County, Florida. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

[crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

[crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/florida/putnam-county-discuss)

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