

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Johns County

Florida · Saint Augustine · FIPS 12109 · Population 278,722 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. \$500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (FL does not preempt local zoning. St. Johns County is fast-growing Jacksonville suburb. County and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with St. Johns County planning or local municipality)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (FDACS may investigate on complaint)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — FDACS may investigate on complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — FL does not preempt local zoning. St. Johns County is fast-growing Jacksonville suburb. County and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with St. Johns County planning or local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Johns County is one of Florida's fastest-growing counties. Includes Saint Augustine (oldest US city) and Ponte Vedra. Same FL state baseline. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sjcfl.us>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Johns County	Clay County	Duval County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute. Standard sanitation practices apply.	Florida state law does not address pets in cottage food kitchens. FDACS guidance does not prohibit pets but standard food safety practices ...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted	Florida cottage food law expressly permits online sales and mail-order delivery within the state. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, a...	Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, to specific event venue, or by USPS/ commercial carrier. Online o...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection	Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be...	Florida's cottage food law (§500.80) requires production in the kitchen of the operator's residence only. Motor home kitchens and rented ki...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-control-for-safety) foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	Products must be stored on the premises of the cottage food operation per §500.80(4). Septic system adequacy for additional wastewater shou...
POPULATION	278,722	219,650	995,708

State context — Florida cottage food law

St. Johns 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 St. Johns 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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