

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Wakulla County

Florida · Crawfordville · FIPS 12129 · Population 37,115 ·  
Crosodo Index #1173\*

## STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021)

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

250000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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

Wakulla 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 law; products must not be contaminated**

### 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: WAKULLA COUNTY

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## Wakulla County

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Wakulla County Planning and Community Development for any applicable home occupation standards.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Wakulla County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.

## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated

## WATER SUPPLY

Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system

## HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation practices required

## FOOD STORAGE

Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

Upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Wakulla County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Relevant county code**

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Wakulla County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Wakulla County is a rural coastal county south of Tallahassee; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://wakulla.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.mywakulla.com>

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

[https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html](https://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/wakulla-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/florida/wakulla-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Wakulla County                                                                                                                                 | Franklin County                                                                                                                                  | Jefferson County                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | True                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | False                                                                                                                                            | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated                                                                                  | No state or county-specific rule for cottage food                                                                                                | Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated                                                                                  |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint only                                                                                                                              | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | True                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Must comply with Franklin County signage ordinances                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit... | Direct-to-consumer; online/ mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/ consignm... | Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Likely; verify with Franklin County                                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Likely; Franklin County local business tax receipt; contact Franklin County Tax Collector                                                        | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product... | —                                                                                                                                                | Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/ barn storage                         | Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage                                                                       | Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/ barn storage                         |
| POPULATION                 | 33,732                                                                                                                                         | 12,276                                                                                                                                           | 14,458                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Florida cottage food law

Wakulla 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. |                   |

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).

### 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/>

**Questions about Wakulla 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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## Classifieds

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### NATIONAL

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##### Advertise here — Supplies

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#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

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

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### LOCAL

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

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