

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bibb County

Georgia · Macon · FIPS 13021 · Population 156,554 · Crosodo Index #2778*

STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19

STATE TIER

Okay

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CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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

Bibb County, Georgia — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Georgia 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
- ☐ Georgia home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Georgia label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

GEORGIA: BIBB COUNTY

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

Yes (Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025): no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Interstate sales now allowed. Wholesale, retail, online, and restaurant sales permitted. Food handler certification required. Must label 'NOT MADE IN A STATE-INSPECTED FACILITY.' Private water supply (well) requires annual coliform testing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Macon-Bibb County requires an Occupation Tax Certificate (business license) for any business operating in the county. A Certificate of Zoning Compliance is required before a business license is issued. Home occupations in Macon-Bibb are governed by Section 23.01.04 of the Comprehensive Land Development Resolution — must be conducted solely by occupants, max 25% of gross floor area, no visible evidence to average neighbor, only one additional vehicle at a time, owner or tenant with written owner approval required. Zoning compliance applications submitted via Camino portal.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (GDA may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025): no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Interstate sales now allowed. Wholesale, retail, online, and restaurant sales permitted. Food handler certification required. Must label 'NOT MADE IN A STATE-INSPECTED FACILITY.' Private water supply (well) requires annual coliform testing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply (well) requires annual coliform bacteria testing per state rules.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing required per GDA cottage food guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — GDA may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Macon-Bibb County requires an Occupation Tax Certificate (business license) for any business operating in the county. A Certificate of Zoning Compliance is required before a business license is issued. Home occupations in Macon-Bibb are governed by Section 23.01.04 of the Comprehensive Land Development Resolution — must be conducted solely by occupants, max 25% of gross floor area, no visible evidence to average neighbor, only one additional vehicle at a time, owner or tenant with written owner approval required. Zoning compliance applications submitted via Camino portal.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under Georgia HB 398: wholesale, retail, online, and direct sales all permitted. Customer traffic to home occupation limited to one additional vehicle at a time under Macon-Bibb zoning rules.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation must be conducted solely by occupants of the residence under Macon-Bibb zoning (Section 23.01.04). No outside employees or jobbers may meet or congregate at the residence.

Relevant county code

Macon-Bibb Comprehensive Land Development Resolution §23.01.04 (Home Occupations); O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large county with specific Macon-Bibb home occupation code confirmed. Macon-Bibb County Section 23.01.04 home occupation rules found: must be conducted solely by occupants, no external evidence, max 25% floor area, max 1 additional vehicle, no outside storage. Occupation Tax Certificate (business license) required. Zoning compliance required before business license. Signage prohibited for home occupations under standard rules. Cottage food food list restaurants/bars not listed as prohibited home occupations. Planning & Zoning Commission: 478-241-2554; applications via Camino portal.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://mbpz.org/>

<https://www.maconbibb.us>

<https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

https://mbpz.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Chapter_23__SUPPLEMENTARY_REGULATIONS_USES-4-17-23-DRAFT.pdf

<https://www.maconbibb.us/businesslicenseprocess/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bibb County	Houston County	Crawford County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state prohibition, but pets should be excluded from food prep areas per good manufacturing practices.	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Under Georgia HB 398: wholesale, retail, online, and direct sales all permitted. Customer traffic to home occupation limited to one additio...	Under HB 398, sales permitted via wholesale, retail, online, and direct. Delivery allowed. No geographic sales restriction within Georgia; ...	Under HB 398 (eff. July 2025): direct-to-consumer sales, online sales, sales to retail stores, restaurants, and interstate sales are all pe...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025): no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Interstate sales now allowed. Wholesale, ...	Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025) dramatically expanded cottage food rules. No license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. ...	Must be produced in operator's primary domestic residence home kitchen only. Secondary homes, vacation homes, or motor homes do not qualify...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.	All cottage food products must be stored to prevent contamination; non-TCS foods only.	Ingredients and finished products must be stored appropriately in the domestic residence
POPULATION	156,554	164,117	12,156

State context — Georgia cottage food law

Bibb County's rules sit on top of Georgia's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

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ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows wholesale, online, retail store, restaurant, and mail-order sales; third-party sellers must display cottage food products separately and label the section as products from residential kitchens exempt from state inspection.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Georgia cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/georgia.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2020/title-26/chapter-2/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/georgia/>

Questions about Bibb 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/georgia/bibb-county-discuss

Classifieds

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