

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Bulloch County

Georgia · Statesboro · FIPS 13031 · Population 79,829 ·  
Crosodo Index #2751\*

## STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 1, 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19

## STATE TIER

Okay

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## 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

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

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

### STATE SALES CAP

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### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

### INSPECTION

**Upon-complaint**

### PETS

**Private water testing (annual coliform) required if using a private water source. No specific pet restriction in current law.**

### 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: BULLOCH COUNTY

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Population 79,829 · State baseline: O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 1, 2025); prior: GA R&amp;R 40-7-19

· MEDIUM

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

Yes (Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Since July 2025 (HB 398), no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Must operate from home kitchen.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (HB 398 removed the prior \$100/year GDA license requirement. No state-level permit required. Local zoning home occupation permits may still apply in Bulloch County. No Bulloch County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Under HB 398 (eff. July 2025), no GDA licensing inspections; complaint-based only.)

**Home kitchen rules**

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes — Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Since July 2025 (HB 398), no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Must operate from home kitchen. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Private water testing (annual coliform) required if using a private water source. No specific pet restriction in current law.                                                     |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Potable water required. Private well users must conduct annual coliform testing.                                                                                                  |
| HANDWASHING                | Food handler certification required (specific course). Proper handwashing is part of food safety training.                                                                        |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.                                                                                                                       |

**Inspection & permitting**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Under HB 398 (eff. July 2025), no GDA licensing inspections; complaint-based only.                                                                                                                                    |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — HB 398 removed the prior \$100/year GDA license requirement. No state-level permit required. Local zoning home occupation permits may still apply in Bulloch County. No Bulloch County-specific cottage food ordinance found. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                   |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Since July 2025, wholesale, retail, online, restaurant sales, and interstate sales are all allowed. Allowed foods greatly expanded by HB 398. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in the current law.                                                                                                             |

**Relevant county code**

No Bulloch County-specific cottage food code section found.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025) dramatically expanded the cottage food law: no license/fee required, complaint-based inspections only, interstate sales allowed, wholesale/retail/online permitted, much broader allowed foods. No Bulloch County-specific overrides found. Private well users must conduct annual coliform testing per prior GDA requirements. Confidence: medium (state law transition verified via state baseline, no Bulloch County-specific ordinance confirmed).

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.bullochcounty.gov>

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

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Bulloch County                                                                                                                                 | Effingham County                                                                                                                               | Bryan County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Private water testing (annual coliform) required if using a private water source. No specific pet restriction in current law.                  | No specific prohibition under new law; good manufacturing practice applies                                                                     | 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            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Since July 2025, wholesale, retail, online, restaurant sales, and interstate sales are all allowed. Allowed foods greatly expanded by HB 39... | Direct and indirect sales allowed; wholesale, retail, online, restaurant sales permitted since July 2025. Interstate sales also allowed.       | 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     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Since July 2025 (HB 398), no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only.... | Since July 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows almost any non-PHF food. No license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Food handle... | 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 shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.                                                                                    | Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required                                                                                            | Ingredients and finished products must be stored appropriately in the domestic residence                                                       |
| POPULATION                 | 79,829                                                                                                                                         | 65,314                                                                                                                                         | 44,995                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Georgia cottage food law

Bulloch 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.

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### 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.

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

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### 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/>

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**Questions about Bulloch 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/bulloch-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/georgia/bulloch-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

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

### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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

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#### Your business here

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

[crosodo.com/nb/georgia/bulloch-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/georgia/bulloch-county-discuss)

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