

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Spalding County

Georgia · Griffin · FIPS 13255 · Population 67,415 · Crosodo Index #2744\*

## STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 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

Spalding 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

**Not specified in state 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: SPALDING COUNTY

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# Spalding County

Population 67,415 · State baseline: O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&amp;R 40-7-19 ·

MEDIUM

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

Yes (Food handler certification (specific course) required. No sales cap. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint. Indirect sales allowed. Non-TCS foods. New statutory framework effective July 2025.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Spalding County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Griffin has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

**Home kitchen rules**

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes — Food handler certification (specific course) required. No sales cap. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint. Indirect sales allowed. Non-TCS foods. New statutory framework effective July 2025. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Standard residential water supply                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| HANDWASHING                | Required as part of food handler certification                                                                                                                                                                      |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage for non-TCS products                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Inspection & permitting**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation                                                                                                                                          |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — No county govt URL provided. Spalding County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Griffin has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                               |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                       |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery by producer permitted |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified                                                     |

**Relevant county code**

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Georgia Okay-tier state. Spalding County is south of Atlanta metro. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.spaldingcounty.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/spalding-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/georgia/spalding-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Spalding County                                                                                                                                | Fayette County                                                                                                                                 | Coweta County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                     | Annual coliform testing required if using private well water.                                                                                  | No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                             |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery by producer permitted                                                                              | Georgia HB 398 allows wholesale/retail/online/restaurant sales and interstate sales. No sales cap.                                             | Under HB 398: wholesale, retail, online, and direct sales all permitted. Delivery allowed. Interstate sales now permitted.                     |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Food handler certification (specific course) required. No sales cap. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint. Indirect sales al... | Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025) dramatically expanded cottage food law. No license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. In... | Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025): no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Interstate sales now allowed. Wholesale, ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage for non-TCS products                                                                                                       | Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products. No perishable baked goods, fruit butters, low-acid canned foods, or meat jerkies.             | Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.                                                                                   |
| POPULATION                 | 67,415                                                                                                                                         | 119,259                                                                                                                                        | 147,449                                                                                                                                        |

## State context — Georgia cottage food law

Spalding 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

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

### 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 Spalding 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/spalding-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/georgia/spalding-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### 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)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Spalding 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.

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