

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lafayette Parish

Louisiana · Lafayette · FIPS 22055 · Population 243,175 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.13	Okay	30000	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

Lafayette Parish, Louisiana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

30000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Louisiana 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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Population 243,175 · State baseline: La. R.S. §40:4.13 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Low-risk non-TCS foods only; \$30,000 annual sales cap. Sales tax certificate from parish required. Pets excluded from preparation areas. No employees may assist in production of certain baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies). No food license required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Lafayette Parish/City of Lafayette may require home occupation permit or business license under local zoning. Parish allows home occupations in residential zones. Check with Lafayette Parish Planning, Zoning and Permits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under state cottage food law)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Basic handwashing practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients at 45°F or below; finished products shelf-stable

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under state cottage food law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lafayette Parish/City of Lafayette may require home occupation permit or business license under local zoning. Parish allows home occupations in residential zones. Check with Lafayette Parish Planning, Zoning and Permits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter rules with no employee assistance and specific production requirements.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees for certain baked goods categories; overall no employee requirement not stated for other foods

Relevant county code

La. R.S. §40:4.9 (cottage food statute); Lafayette Parish Unified Development Code

RESEARCH NOTES

Lafayette Parish LA follows Louisiana state cottage food law. \$30,000 cap. No parish-specific cottage food ordinance found. Lafayette is a consolidated city-parish government. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Lafayette Parish .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lafayettela.gov>

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lafayette Parish	St. Landry Parish	Iberia Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production of breads/cakes/cookies/pies.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter rules with no employee assistanc...	Direct and some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Breads/cakes/cookies/pies are more restricted (limited channels). Sales thr...	Indirect sales at limited venues permitted; no mail order; no catering
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Low-risk non-TCS foods only; \$30,000 annual sales cap. Sales tax certificate from parish required. Pets excluded from preparation areas. No...	Louisiana cottage food (low-risk foods law): \$30,000 annual sales cap. Low-risk foods allowed: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies), ...	Annual sales cap \$30,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Indirect sales allowed a...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients at 45°F or below; finished products shelf-stable	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients. Specific equipment sanitation requirements apply for baked go...	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products
POPULATION	243,175	82,574	69,958

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
La. R.S. §40:4.13	30000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Louisiana cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/louisiana.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98863>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

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

Questions about Lafayette Parish? 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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