

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ouachita Parish

Louisiana · Monroe · FIPS 22073 · Population 159,585 ·
Crosodo Index #2790*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

STATE SALES CAP

30000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas for bread, cake, cookie, and pie production specifically. General good practices apply to all cottage foods.

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

[Open the live county page →](#)

[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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Louisiana allows cottage food from home kitchens. Annual sales cap \$30,000 (raised from \$20,000 by HB 828, 2022). Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies), candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles/acidified foods, sauces, syrups, and spices. Breads/cakes/cookies/pies require no employee assistance in production and pets excluded from preparation areas. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Ouachita Parish may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. A parish sales tax certificate is required before selling cottage foods in the parish.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (LDH may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas for bread, cake, cookie, and pie production specifically. General good practices apply to all cottage foods.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement under Louisiana cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

Good manufacturing practices apply.

FOOD STORAGE

Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients used in permitted baked goods. Non-TCS finished products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — LDH may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Indirect sales of most low-risk foods allowed (except the four named baked goods categories, which must be direct-to-consumer). No geographic restriction noted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees may assist in production of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies).

Relevant county code

Ouachita Parish Zoning Code; La. R.S. §40:4.9 (operative cottage food statute)

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Louisiana parish sales tax certificate required before selling. No Ouachita Parish-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ouachitacounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ouachita Parish	Caldwell Parish	Jackson Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas for bread, cake, cookie, and pie production specifically. General good practices apply to all ...	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Indirect sales of most low-risk foods allowed (except the four named baked goods categories, which must be direct-to-consumer). No geograph...	Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana allows cottage food from home kitchens. Annual sales cap \$30,000 (raised from \$20,000 by HB 828, 2022). Allowed low-risk foods in...	Annual sales cap \$30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris...	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients used in permitted baked goods. Non-TCS finished products only.	Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	159,585	9,658	15,093

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

Ouachita 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 Ouachita Parish? 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/louisiana/ouachita-parish-discuss

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