

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Red River Parish

Louisiana · Coushatta · FIPS 22081 · Population 7,238 ·  
Crosodo Index #2040\*

| STATE BASELINE   | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| La. R.S. §40:4.9 | Okay       | 30000                    | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-06    |

**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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

**30000**

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.**

### 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.

## LOUISIANA: RED RIVER PARISH

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## Red River Parish

Population 7,238 · State baseline: La. R.S. §40:4.9 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee assistance in production, pets excluded from preparation areas, refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale required before selling.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Red River Parish is a small rural parish. A parish sales tax certificate is required before selling. No specific parish-level cottage food ordinance identified.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. LDH may investigate upon complaint or illness report.)

## Home kitchen rules

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Potable water required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HANDWASHING                | Required per Louisiana food safety standards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | No — No routine inspection required. LDH may investigate upon complaint or illness report.                                                                                |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Red River Parish is a small rural parish. A parish sales tax certificate is required before selling. No specific parish-level cottage food ordinance identified. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                         |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                 |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | For the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies), no employees may assist in production.                            |

## Relevant county code

Red River Parish Code of Ordinances (not specifically identified for cottage food); sales tax certificate required from parish.

### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (LA) applied: La. R.S. §40:4.9, \$30,000 cap, parish sales tax certificate required. Red River Parish is among the smallest Louisiana parishes by population. No unique parish-level cottage food ordinances identified. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98431>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Red River Parish                                                                                                                                | Bienville Parish                                                                                                                                | De Soto Parish                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.                                                                                              | 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 allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.     | Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o...  | Direct-to-consumer (home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, events, online within LA, mail within LA). Big Four direct-to-consumer o...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as... | Annual sales cap \$30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris... | Annual sales cap \$30,000. No license, permit, or registration required (only sales tax certificates from LA Dept of Revenue and local paris... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.                    | Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products                                        | Refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients; appropriate storage for shelf-stable products                                        |
| POPULATION                 | 7,631                                                                                                                                           | 12,958                                                                                                                                          | 26,821                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Louisiana cottage food law

Red River 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.

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| 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. |                   |

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

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### 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/>

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**Questions about Red River 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/red-river-parish-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/red-river-parish-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 Red River Parish, Louisiana. 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/louisiana/red-river-parish-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/red-river-parish-discuss)

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