

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Landry Parish

Louisiana · Opelousas · FIPS 22097 · Population 82,574 ·
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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

St. Landry 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 during production of breads/cakes/cookies/pies.

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?

Yes (Louisiana cottage food (low-risk foods law): \$30,000 annual sales cap. Low-risk foods allowed: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies), candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey/honeycomb, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles and acidified foods, sauces and syrups, spices. No animal or fish muscle protein. Custard/cream-filled bakery products allowed only if made with pasteurized dairy and following temperature requirements. No registration required; sales tax certificate from the parish of sale required before selling.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (St. Landry Parish has a Parish Government. A sales tax certificate from St. Landry Parish is required before selling. Home occupation permits may apply under St. Landry Parish zoning. No specific parish cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with St. Landry Parish Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. Louisiana health department may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production of breads/cakes/cookies/pies.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific statutory requirement beyond food safety practices.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement; good practices expected.

FOOD STORAGE

Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients. Specific equipment sanitation requirements apply for baked goods categories.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspection required. Louisiana health department may investigate upon complaint.

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Breads/cakes/cookies/pies are more restricted (limited channels). Sales through certain retail channels are allowed for most low-risk foods under Louisiana law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	For baked goods categories, no employees may assist in production.

Relevant county code

St. Landry Parish zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions). State law La. R.S. §40:4.13 or §40:4.9 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Landry Parish (Opelousas) follows Louisiana's cottage food law. The \$30,000 cap was increased from \$20,000 by HB 828 (Act 357, 2022 session). A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required. Louisiana requires no employees for bread/cake/cookie/pie production. The operative statute citation (§40:4.13 vs §40:4.9) is uncertain per state baseline research notes; the correct operative section appears to be §40:4.9 with §40:4.13 possibly being a newer provision. No parish-specific cottage food overrides found. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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/st-landry-parish-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Landry Parish	Acadia Parish	St. Martin Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production of breads/cakes/cookies/pies.	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas for breads, cakes, cookies, and pies production.	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Breads/cakes/cookies/pies are more restricted (limited channels). Sales thr...	Most low-risk foods (except the four named baked goods categories) can be sold indirectly. Direct and indirect sales permitted. Farmers mar...	State law allows indirect sales of most low-risk foods and direct-to-consumer delivery. Sales tax certificate required. Parish-level rules ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana cottage food (low-risk foods law): \$30,000 annual sales cap. Low-risk foods allowed: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies), ...	Louisiana allows low-risk foods from the home. \$30,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$20,000 by Act 357, 2022). No registration or inspecti...	Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes...
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients. Specific equipment sanitation requirements apply for baked go...	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients in the breads/cakes/cookies/pies category.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.
POPULATION	82,574	57,674	51,856

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

St. Landry 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 St. Landry 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/st-landry-parish-discuss

Classifieds

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