

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Mary Parish

Louisiana · Franklin · FIPS 22101 · Population 49,114 ·
Crosodo Index #2555*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.9	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. Mary 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?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for 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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Population 49,114 · State baseline: La. R.S. §40:4.9 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles/acidified foods, sauces, syrups, spices. No animal or fish muscle protein. Custard/cream-filled bakery products require pasteurized dairy and temperature controls.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific St. Mary Parish home occupation permit requirements found in research. Parish may have local ordinances governing home-based businesses. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required before selling under state law.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required by state law.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies.

WATER SUPPLY

Not specified in state law.

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation required for the four named baked goods categories.

FOOD STORAGE

Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No inspection required by state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No specific St. Mary Parish home occupation permit requirements found in research. Parish may have local ordinances governing home-based businesses. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required before selling under state law.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows indirect sales of most low-risk foods and direct-to-consumer delivery. Sales tax certificate required from St. Mary Parish.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

La. R.S. §40:4.9; 902 LAC 51:XXIII.507

RESEARCH NOTES

No St. Mary Parish-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinances found. State baseline (La. R.S. §40:4.9) applies with \$30,000 annual sales cap. Sales tax certificate from parish required before selling. St. Mary Parish is in southern Louisiana (bayou country). Note: county_seat is Franklin, LA. [Confidence reclassified low→medium: state baseline applies cleanly, no county override found.]

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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/st-mary-parish-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Mary Parish	St. Martin Parish	Iberia Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies.	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State law allows indirect sales of most low-risk foods and direct-to-consumer delivery. Sales tax certificate required from St. Mary Parish.	State law allows indirect sales of most low-risk foods and direct-to-consumer delivery. Sales tax certificate required. Parish-level rules ...	Indirect sales at limited venues permitted; no mail order; no catering
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes...	Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes...	Annual sales cap \$30,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Indirect sales allowed a...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products
POPULATION	49,114	51,856	69,958

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

St. Mary 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. Mary 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-mary-parish-discuss

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