

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Queen Anne's County

Maryland · Centreville · FIPS 24035 · Population 50,316 ·
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STATE BASELINE

MD COMAR 10.15.03.27

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Queen Anne's County, Maryland — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified in state cottage food regulations.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Maryland label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

MARYLAND: QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual revenue cap \$50,000. Non-PHF baked goods, candy, acid-fruit jellies/jams, dry goods, snacks permitted. Complaint-based inspection only. Registration optional unless selling through retail stores (free online ID number).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food regulations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Queen Anne's County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zoning districts. County is largely rural/suburban on the Eastern Shore. Recommend verifying with Queen Anne's County Planning and Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Maryland DOH may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual revenue cap \$50,000. Non-PHF baked goods, candy, acid-fruit jellies/jams, dry goods, snacks permitted. Complaint-based inspection only. Registration optional unless selling through retail stores (free online ID number).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food regulations.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food regulations.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific requirement in state cottage food rules.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must not require refrigeration; non-PHF only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Maryland DOH may inspect upon complaint.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales allowed. Retail store sales permitted with food handler certification; online/mail permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food regulations.

Relevant county code

MD COMAR 10.15.03.27; Queen Anne's County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Maryland's cottage food program has a \$50,000 annual cap (COMAR 10.15.03.02B(17-1)). Emergency rule effective 11/27/2024, exp. 5/26/2025. On-Farm Home Processing License also available for farmers to sell pickles, dried fruit, hot sauces up to \$40,000. Queen Anne's County is on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. No county-specific cottage food ordinances found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

<https://regs.maryland.gov/us/md/exec/comar/10.15.03.27>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/maryland/queen-anne-s-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Queen Anne's County	Anne Arundel County	Caroline County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food regulations.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards	Local health department standards apply; typically animals must be excluded from food prep areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales allowed. Retail store sales permitted with food handler certification; online/mail permitted. No...	Direct-to-consumer sales: home, farmers markets, public events, personal delivery, mail order within Maryland. Sales to retail stores requi...	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval. Food safety training recommended but not required for st...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual revenue cap \$50,000. Non-PHF baked goods, candy, acid-fruit jellies/jams, dry goods, snacks pe...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$50,000 annual gross sales cap. MDH review required for sales at retail stores (Class B equivalent); ...	Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000. Must produce in residential kitchen in Maryland. Must comply with all applicable county and municipal...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must not require refrigeration; non-PHF only.	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Products must be stored on premises of the cottage food business. Shelf-stable non-potentially hazardous foods only.
POPULATION	50,316	588,109	33,320

State context — Maryland cottage food law

Queen Anne's County's rules sit on top of Maryland's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
MD COMAR 10.15.03.27	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Depends	Recommended
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Upon-complaint	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Sales at retail food stores (indirect) are allowed but require prior submission of labels and documentation of ANSI-accredited food safety course completion to the Maryland Department of Health before any retail sales can commence. The Department must notify the producer in writing that requirements are met before retail sales begin.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Maryland cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/maryland.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://regs.maryland.gov/us/md/exec/comar/10.15.03.27>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

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

Questions about Queen Anne's County? 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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