

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Chemung County

New York · Elmira · FIPS 36015 · Population 83,584 · Crosodo Index #1607*

STATE BASELINE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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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

Chemung County, New York — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified in state law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[New York label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

NEW YORK: CHEMUNG COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (New York Home Processor Exemption: only baked goods and some jams/jellies/preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked). No-bake items, pickles, salsas, dairy, meats, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, buttercream frostings are all prohibited. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets required (no expiration but location-specific). Sales within New York State only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Chemung County and the City of Elmira may have home occupation requirements. No specific Chemung County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Chemung County Planning or City of Elmira zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets administers program; may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: only baked goods and some jams/jellies/preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked). No-bake items, pickles, salsas, dairy, meats, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, buttercream frostings are all prohibited. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets required (no expiration but location-specific). Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement for home processors.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets administers program; may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Chemung County and the City of Elmira may have home occupation requirements. No specific Chemung County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Chemung County Planning or City of Elmira zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online permitted within New York State only. Wholesale sales are technically permitted under the exemption.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Chemung County-specific cottage food code identified. N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4 and 1 CRR-NY 276.4 govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Chemung County (Elmira) follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. NY restricts to baked goods with a kill step; no-bake items are prohibited. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from NY Ag & Markets official source; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.chemungcounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/new-york/chemung-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Chemung County	Steuben County	Tompkins County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law.	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.	NY state recommends consulting local zoning officials before starting. Tompkins County Environmental Health administers local food program ...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online permitted within New ...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State. Wh...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within NYS only. ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New York Home Processor Exemption: only baked goods and some jams/jellies/ preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All prod...	New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, cer...	New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — all products must have a pathogen kill step), certain jams, jellies, p...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.	Non-PHF only. Pre-packaged in home required. Prohibited: refrigerated/TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vineg...
POPULATION	83,584	93,584	102,555

State context — New York cottage food law

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

STATUTE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-york/>

Questions about Chemung County? 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/new-york/chemung-county-discuss

Classifieds

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