

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clinton County

New York · Plattsburgh · FIPS 36019 · Population 79,839 ·
Crosodo Index #1610*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a pathogen kill step — all products must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged. Sales only within New York State.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Clinton County and the City of Plattsburgh may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a pathogen kill step — all products must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification mandated at state level for the Home Processor Exemption.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Clinton County and the City of Plattsburgh may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Wholesale sales are permitted (notable for NY).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in the Home Processor Exemption. Registration is location-specific and individual.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

New York's Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276 / N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets, no expiration but location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No Clinton County-specific cottage food rules found. State law regulates; local zoning may apply. No county URLs provided in input or found in research. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance found).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clintoncounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clinton County	Essex County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within...	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a ...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability required.	—	—
POPULATION	79,839	37,314	47,459

State context — New York cottage food law

Clinton 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 Clinton 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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