

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Fulton County

New York · Johnstown · FIPS 36035 · Population 53,280 ·
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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.

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 (Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must have a pathogen kill step (baking). No refrigerated or TCS products. Registration with NY Ag & Markets (free, location-specific, no expiration). Sales within New York State only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (NY Home Processor Exemption registration required (free, from NY Ag & Markets, location-specific). No routine county or local permit identified for Fulton County specifically. Fulton County is a rural Adirondacks-adjacent county. Contact Fulton County government in Johnstown for local zoning/home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (NY Ag & Markets may investigate on complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must have a pathogen kill step (baking). No refrigerated or TCS products. Registration with NY Ag & Markets (free, location-specific, no expiration). Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products only. No refrigerated items, no no-bake items. All products must be pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — NY Ag & Markets may investigate on complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — NY Home Processor Exemption registration required (free, from NY Ag & Markets, location-specific). No routine county or local permit identified for Fulton County specifically. Fulton County is a rural Adirondacks-adjacent county. Contact Fulton County government in Johnstown for local zoning/home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within NY State only. Wholesale/indirect sales also permitted (notable among states).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in NY rules.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; no Fulton County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Fulton County is a rural county in the Adirondack foothills, historically known for glove-making. No county-specific cottage food rules found. NY's Home Processor Exemption is free and does not expire but is location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Wholesale/indirect sales permitted which is unusual nationally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fultoncounty.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/fulton-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Fulton County	Montgomery County	Herkimer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.	Not specified in state home processor rules.	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within NY S...	Sales allowed at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New Yo...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, online within NY State. Wholesale pe...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foo...	All products must be baked (must have a pathogen kill step). Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable baked goods only. Products must be pre...	NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shel...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products only. No refrigerated items, no no-bake items. All products must be pre-packaged in the home.	Products must be non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable, and pre-packaged.	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.
POPULATION	53,280	49,624	60,293

State context — New York cottage food law

Fulton 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 Fulton 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/fulton-county-discuss

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