

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Livingston County

New York · Geneseo · FIPS 36051 · Population 61,980 ·
Crosodo Index #1624*

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

Livingston 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

No specific state prohibition

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 (Free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be baked (heat-processed kill step required). Pre-packaged and labeled in the home. No-bake items, pickles, dairy, meat, cream cheese frostings, quiche prohibited.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Livingston County is in the Finger Lakes region. Geneseo is home to SUNY Geneseo. Local town or village zoning may apply. Contact Livingston County Planning at (585) 243-7550.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be baked (heat-processed kill step required). Pre-packaged and labeled in the home. No-bake items, pickles, dairy, meat, cream cheese frostings, quiche prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged shelf-stable baked goods only; all must be baked with heat kill step

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Livingston County is in the Finger Lakes region. Geneseo is home to SUNY Geneseo. Local town or village zoning may apply. Contact Livingston County Planning at (585) 243-7550.
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, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Livingston County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Livingston County in Finger Lakes region. NY Home Processor Exemption: free registration, baked goods only (heat kill step), within NY State only. No sales cap. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.livingstoncounty.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/livingston-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Livingston County	Genesee County	Steuben County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. No interstat...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State. Wholesal...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State. Wh...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be baked (heat-processed kill step required). Pre-packaged and lab...	NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shel...	New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, cer...
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged shelf-stable baked goods only; all must be baked with heat kill step	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.
POPULATION	61,980	58,204	93,584

State context — New York cottage food law

Livingston 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

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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/>

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crosodo.com/nb/new-york/livingston-county-discuss

Classifieds

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