

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Saratoga County

New York · Ballston Spa · FIPS 36091 · Population 236,328 ·
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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

Saratoga 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

Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary

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

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[New York label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings with cream cheese, no TCS products. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets (location-specific, does not expire). Pre-packaged in home, labeled. Sales within NY State only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Saratoga County is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. Local municipalities (Saratoga Springs, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Saratoga County does not have county-wide zoning for all areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets complaint-based)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings with cream cheese, no TCS products. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets (location-specific, does not expire). Pre-packaged in home, labeled. Sales within NY State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets complaint-based
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Saratoga County is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. Local municipalities (Saratoga Springs, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Saratoga County does not have county-wide zoning for all areas.
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 NY State only. Wholesale sales to retailers permitted (unusual for NY).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; Saratoga County/municipal zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Saratoga County NY is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. New York's Home Processor Exemption allows only baked goods and certain preserves (all products must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Free registration with NY Ag & Markets. No Saratoga County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Saratoga County .gov source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.saratogacounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Saratoga County	Albany County	Rensselaer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary	Pets excluded from production areas	No specific NY state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
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, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online — within NY State only. Wholesale sales ...	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, and online permitted	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (within NY State only...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings w...	State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required	New York Home Processor Exemption requires registration with NYSDAM. Products must be shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked — a patho...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; no refrigerated or TCS products.
POPULATION	236,328	315,041	160,943

State context — New York cottage food law

Saratoga 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	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 Saratoga 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/saratoga-county-discuss

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