

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Steuben County

New York · Bath · FIPS 36101 · Population 93,584 · Crosodo
Index #1598*

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

Steuben 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 restriction under NY Home Processor rules.

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 (New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, certain jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes. No sales cap. Free registration (location-specific). Sales within New York State only. Prohibited: no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, cream-filled pastries, cheesecakes.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Steuben County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Steuben County-specific cottage food permit identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement stated.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Steuben County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Steuben County-specific cottage food permit identified.
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, home delivery, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Steuben County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Steuben County-specific cottage food rules found. Steuben County is in the Southern Tier of New York (wine country region). NY Home Processor baked-goods-only restriction is unique nationally. Steuben County Health Department handles local food safety but NY Home Processor Exemption is administered by state Ag & Markets.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.steubencounty.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/steuben-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Steuben County	Chemung County	Ontario County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.	Not specified in state law.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety 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, 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, via home delivery, and online permitted within New ...	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale allo...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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 and some jams/jellies/ preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All prod...	New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (kill step required). Registration free and location-specific. Onta...
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.	No specific statutory requirement.	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No refrigerated products.
POPULATION	93,584	83,584	112,288

State context — New York cottage food law

Steuben 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 Steuben 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/steuben-county-discuss

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