

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ulster County

New York · Kingston · FIPS 36111 · Population 182,153 ·
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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)

—

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing 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 (Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No no-bake items. No pickles, relishes, sauces, frostings with cream cheese or buttercream, or refrigerated items.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ulster County zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. State Home Processor program does not require a local permit, but local zoning restrictions may apply. Kingston (county seat) and other municipalities have their own zoning rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No no-bake items. No pickles, relishes, sauces, frostings with cream cheese or buttercream, or refrigerated items.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods; no refrigerated products allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ulster County zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. State Home Processor program does not require a local permit, but local zoning restrictions may apply. Kingston (county seat) and other municipalities have their own zoning rules.
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 New York State only. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified; household operation implied.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; no specific Ulster County code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor program is administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments), which is notable. Free registration, no sales cap, wholesale allowed (rare among states). All products must be baked — no-bake items (chocolates, fudge, candy) are prohibited. NYC may have additional local rules. No county-level override found for Ulster County.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ulstercounty.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/ulster-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ulster County	Dutchess County	Orange County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Pets excluded from production areas	No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
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 Ne...	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; home delivery; online (within New York State only)....
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill...	State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required	New York Home Processor program (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets (locat...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods; no refrigerated products allowed.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.
POPULATION	182,153	296,467	401,237

State context — New York cottage food law

Ulster 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 Ulster 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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