

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Caswell County

North Carolina · Yanceyville · FIPS 37033 · Population 23,401  
· Crosodo Index #2537\*

| STATE BASELINE  | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 02 NCAC 9C.0307 | Good       | —                        | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-06    |

**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

Caswell County, North Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

### STATE SALES CAP

—

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

### INSPECTION

**Yes**

### PETS

**No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under North Carolina 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
- ☐ North Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[North Carolina label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

## NORTH CAROLINA: CASWELL COUNTY

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## Caswell County

Population 23,401 · State baseline: 02 NCAC 9C.0307 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no refrigerated or frozen products allowed.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (NC state program requires checking with local county planning/zoning department before starting. Caswell County is a rural Piedmont county near the Virginia border. Zoning ordinance governs unincorporated areas. No Caswell County-specific cottage food ordinances found via research.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual inspection by NCDA&CS Division of Food and Drug Protection required before registration is issued and annually thereafter.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no refrigerated or frozen products allowed.

## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.

## WATER SUPPLY

Potable water supply required. Private well users must verify water safety.

## HANDWASHING

Required per NCDA&CS home kitchen inspection standards and 21 CFR 117 Subpart B (GMP).

## FOOD STORAGE

All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing practices.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Annual inspection by NCDA&CS Division of Food and Drug Protection required before registration is issued and annually thereafter.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified; home processor program intended for small-scale individual operations.                                           |

**Relevant county code**

Not identified; state law (02 NCAC 9C.0307) governs.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

NC Good-tier state. Annual inspection required; pets disqualify applicants. Local ordinances are NOT preempted by state law. No Caswell County-specific cottage food ordinances found. State baseline applied.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.caswellcounty.gov>

<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processor>

<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-and-drug-protection/home-processor-inspections>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/caswell-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/caswell-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Caswell County                                                                                                                                 | Person County                                                                                                                                  | Rockingham County                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                            |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No pets allowed in the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.                         | No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subp... | ANY pet animals in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant from obtaining a NC home processor permit.                                               |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                   |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.                | Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit... | Direct and indirect sales (NC allows wholesale). Farmers markets, events, home, retail stores permitted. Must be registered with NCDA&CS.     |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                        |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                        |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no ... | NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk... | North Carolina home processor program (02 NCAC 09C.0307) requires annual inspection of the home kitchen by NCDA&CS. No sales cap. Allowed:... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing ... | Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.                                                                              | Shelf-stable non-refrigerated products only; no frozen, dairy, seafood, or cream-filled pastries.                                             |
| POPULATION                 | 23,401                                                                                                                                         | 39,156                                                                                                                                         | 91,209                                                                                                                                        |

## State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Caswell County's rules sit on top of North Carolina's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| STATUTE               | ANNUAL SALES CAP  |
| 02 NCAC 9C.0307       | —                 |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| Yes                   | No                |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION    | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| Yes                   | No                |
| INDIRECT SALES        |                   |

Yes — Home processors may sell to retail stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers. Sales at farmers markets are permitted. Labels are required for wholesale and packaged self-service retail; direct hand-to-consumer sales (e.g., from home or at events) may be exempt from affixed labels if ingredient info is available on request. NC requires annual home kitchen inspection, which is unusual among no-cap states.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **North Carolina cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: [crosodo.com/states/north-carolina](https://crosodo.com/states/north-carolina).

### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2009%20-%20food%20and%20drug%20protection/subchapter%20c/02%20ncac%2009c%20.0307.pdf>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processor>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/north-carolina/>

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## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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##### Advertise here — Courses

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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