

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hyde County

North Carolina · Swanquarter · FIPS 37095 · Population  
5,229 · Crosodo Index #2515\*

| 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

Hyde 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 — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subpart B as incorporated by 02 NCAC 09C .0307).**

### 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: HYDE COUNTY

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## Hyde County

Population 5,229 · State baseline: 02 NCAC 9C.0307 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk foods only. Registration required with NC Department of Agriculture. No sales cap.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subpart B as incorporated by 02 NCAC 09C .0307).

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hyde County is a very rural, small county. Zoning jurisdiction may be limited. Operators should contact Hyde County for any local home occupation requirements.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual inspection of home kitchen by NCDA&CS required before registration renewal each year.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subpart B as incorporated by 02 NCAC 09C .0307).

## WATER SUPPLY

Must use an approved water supply; well water may require testing.

## HANDWASHING

Adequate handwashing facilities required as part of the kitchen inspection.

## FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

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## 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

Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permitted under state law.

## MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified in state rule; household members may assist.

## Relevant county code

Hyde County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions if applicable); no specific cottage food county code identified.

### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Hyde County. Hyde County is one of the least populated counties in NC with limited zoning jurisdiction. State baseline (02 NCAC 09C .0307) applies. Annual kitchen inspection and pet disqualification rules apply statewide.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hydecountry.gov>

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

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Hyde County                                                                                                                                    | Beaufort County                                                                                                                                | Dare County                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | 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... | 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 — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit... | Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.                | Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.                |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk... | Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no ... | Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.                                                                              | All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing ... | All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing ... |
| POPULATION                 | 5,229                                                                                                                                          | 47,102                                                                                                                                         | 38,208                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Hyde 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.

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

**Questions about Hyde 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/north-carolina/hyde-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/hyde-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Hyde County, North Carolina. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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