

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ashland County

Ohio · Ashland · FIPS 39005 · Population 52,522 · Crosodo Index #1211*

STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

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

Ashland County, Ohio — 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?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified in state cottage food law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Ohio label one-pager →](#)

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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 (Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, approved non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ashland County zoning resolution (Section 604) requires home occupation to be located in main dwelling or attached garage. Max 300 sq ft. Only full-time live-in residents may be employed. No accessory building use. Signs limited to 6 sq ft. Zoning permit may not be required for businesses conducted entirely inside residence with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic (per Section 700 exemption). Township-level zoning inspector administers rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. State/local health authority may inspect only upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Direct-from-site sales require no license or inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product list (non-TCS, approved non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, etc.). No reduced oxygen packaging. No sales outside Ohio.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation implied; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied by food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. State/local health authority may inspect only upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Direct-from-site sales require no license or inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ashland County zoning resolution (Section 604) requires home occupation to be located in main dwelling or attached garage. Max 300 sq ft. Only full-time live-in residents may be employed. No accessory building use. Signs limited to 6 sq ft. Zoning permit may not be required for businesses conducted entirely inside residence with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic (per Section 700 exemption). Township-level zoning inspector administers rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license. Customer traffic at home may trigger township zoning permit requirement.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only full-time live-in residents per Ashland County zoning (Section 604). No outside employees.

Relevant county code

Ashland County Township Zoning Resolution 2021, Section 317 and Section 604 (Home Occupation); O.R.C. §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food operations require no license or inspection when selling directly to consumers from production site. Ashland County township zoning (2021 resolution) limits home occupations to main dwelling/attached garage, 300 sq ft, live-in residents only. Businesses with no outside signs and no customer/supplier traffic are exempt from zoning permits under Section 700. A separate Home Bakery License (\$10/year, ODA inspection) is available for broader operations. No county health department-specific cottage food rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/index.php?id=zoning>

<https://www.ashlandcounty.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/data/uploads/zoning-resolution-2021-2.pdf>

<https://www.ashlandcounty.org/planning/index.php?id=zoning>

<https://ofbf.org/app/uploads/2024/04/Food-Guide-Ohio-Lic-Reg.pdf>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ashland County	Huron County	Knox County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license. Custom...	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product l...	Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 90...	No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied by food safety standards.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required
POPULATION	52,522	58,518	62,657

State context — Ohio cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Yes — Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Ohio cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/ohio.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/ohio/>

Questions about Ashland 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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