

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ashtabula County

Ohio · Jefferson · FIPS 39007 · Population 97,666 · Crosodo
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STATE BASELINE

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

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

Ashtabula County, Ohio — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction under Ohio 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 →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

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MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only products on the Ohio approved list may be sold: non-PHF bakery products, candy (not fresh-fruit-dipped), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only products on the Ohio approved list may be sold: non-PHF bakery products, candy (not fresh-fruit-dipped), flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging; store to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Ashtabula County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Ashtabula 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	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio (no out-of-state sales). Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Ohio cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Ashtabula County-specific cottage food rules found. Ohio uses a specific approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) rather than a general non-TCS standard — this is more restrictive than many states. ODA cottage food page returned 404 during research; ohio.gov codes pages used as primary source. Ashtabula County is in northeast Ohio near Lake Erie.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ashtabulacounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ashtabula County	Geauga County	Trumbull County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio (no out-of-state sales). Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted wit...	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted with...	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only...	Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product lis...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Cod...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging; store to prevent contamination.	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging.	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.
POPULATION	97,666	95,455	201,749

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Ashtabula 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 Ashtabula 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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