

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clark County

Ohio · Springfield · FIPS 39023 · Population 135,877 ·
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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or use reduced oxygen packaging. No potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned goods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clark County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Springfield and other municipalities have their own home occupation provisions. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Check Clark County planning or Springfield city zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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Yes — No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or use reduced oxygen packaging. No potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned goods.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required.

HANDWASHING

Required per good food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Ohio approved cottage food product list items only. Non-potentially hazardous; no reduced oxygen packaging. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & 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	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Sales from home, farmers markets, retail stores. No sales outside Ohio. Online sales within Ohio permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04 (approved product list).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OH) confirmed: O.R.C. §3715.023/§3715.025, Ohio approved product list. Clark County govt URL confirmed (clarkcountyohio.gov). No specific county cottage food ordinances found. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov>

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

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

<https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clark County	Greene County	Miami County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations, but standard sanitation 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 within Ohio permitted. Sales from home, farmers markets, retail stores. No sales outside Ohio. Online sales withi...	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers markets permitted.	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales (to retailers) also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No re...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration required. Products must be from the Ohio-approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outs...	No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not b...	Ohio cottage food operations are limited to an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fr...
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved cottage food product list items only. Non-potentially hazardous; no reduced oxygen packaging. Stored in food-safe containers.	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.	Only products on the approved list permitted. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	135,877	167,567	108,818

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Clark 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 Clark 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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