

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clermont County

Ohio · Batavia · FIPS 39025 · Population 208,851 · Crosodo
Index #786*

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

Clermont 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?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

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 (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Clermont County (east of Cincinnati) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Clermont County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Union, Miami, Monroe, etc.). Municipalities (Batavia, Milford, Amelia, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific county water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard GMP storage; approved product list compliance required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Clermont County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships (Union, Miami, Monroe, etc.). Municipalities (Batavia, Milford, Amelia, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap for cottage food. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Clermont County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Clermont County (county seat: Batavia) is a suburban county east of Cincinnati. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level. Ohio preempts local health department regulation of cottage food.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clermontcounty.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/clermont-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clermont County	Warren County	Hamilton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary	Not specified in state rules; standard sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Ohio only; online orders with Ohio delivery allowed. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets and even...	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home delivery, farmers markets, events, online all permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sa...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Cod...	Ohio has an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) — only listed products allowed. No registration required, no inspection required. Produ...	No registration required. No sales cap. Approved products only (state OAC 901:3-20-04 list). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot b...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard GMP storage; approved product list compliance required.	Non-TCS shelf-stable approved products only; no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods	Standard food storage practices; non-PHF foods only
POPULATION	208,851	243,189	827,671

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Clermont 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 Clermont 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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Classifieds

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