

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Darke County

Ohio · Greenville · FIPS 39037 · Population 51,751 · Crosodo
Index #1209*

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

Darke 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?

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 →](#)

[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 (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, non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, flavored honey, granola, 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 (Darke County townships have individual zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Darke County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township zoning inspector. City of Greenville has its own zoning code for incorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection or license required. Local health authority may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

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, non-PHF bakery goods, candy, jams, flavored honey, granola, 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.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection or license required. Local health authority may act on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Darke County townships have individual zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Darke County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township zoning inspector. City of Greenville has its own zoning code for incorporated areas.
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.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; township zoning may impose limits.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04; Darke County Township Zoning Resolutions

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food operations require no license or inspection when selling directly from production site. No Darke County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Township-level zoning in Ohio is administered by individual township trustees; rules vary. A separate Home Bakery License (\$10/year, ODA inspection) is available for broader operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.darkecounty.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/darke-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Darke County	Miami County	Montgomery County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations, but standard sanitation practices apply.	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	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.	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales (to retailers) also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No re...	Direct from home, online, farmers markets, events, grocery stores, restaurants within Ohio. No interstate sales. No annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
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 are limited to an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fr...	Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one domestic stove/oven. Home Bakery (broader product license): separate Home Bakery...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.	Only products on the approved list permitted. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Products stored at primary residence
POPULATION	51,751	108,818	536,121

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Darke 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 Darke 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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