

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Franklin County

Ohio · — · FIPS 39049 · Population 1,318,149 · Crosodo Index #777*

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

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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

Franklin 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

State baseline applies

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

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[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 Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by the owner, with only one stove/oven designed for common residential use. No commercial equipment permitted. Cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations to ensure there is no restriction on home-based retail sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales. Festival/event sales allowed if organized by a political subdivision and lasts no more than 7 consecutive days.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies (no explicit limit; operation must be in owner's primary residence)

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.021(A) (exemption); O.A.C. 901:3-20 (cottage food rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County follows state baseline. Ohio's cottage food list is quite specific (enumerated approved products, not a general non-PHF standard). Key restriction: home must have only one residential stove/oven. Ohio notably allows cottage food sales to grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants within the state — broader than many states. Products must bear the 'This Product is Home Produced' statement in 10-point font. No Franklin County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://myfcph.org>

<https://www.franklincountyohio.gov>

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

https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/Cottage+Food+Production+Operation_2-3-25.pdf

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Franklin County	Delaware County	Licking County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food, but GMP practices apply.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants...	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers permitted. ...	Direct sales only within Ohio at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues. In-state delivery permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by th...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen. No registration required. Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	Products must comply with Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04 approved product list and standard GMP storage requirements.	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.
POPULATION	1,318,149	216,074	178,844

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Franklin 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 Franklin 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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