

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hancock County

Ohio · Findlay · FIPS 39063 · Population 75,072 · Crosodo
Index #1620*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified in state statute.

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.

OHIO: HANCOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1620* · FIPS 39063 · Findlay

Hancock County

Population 75,072 · State baseline: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20 ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level registration required. Hancock County OH (distinct from Hancock County IN, rank 701) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Hancock County OH-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level registration required. Hancock County OH (distinct from Hancock County IN, rank 701) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Hancock County OH-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20. No Hancock County OH-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio Hancock County (Findlay) follows Ohio state cottage food law. Note: this is FIPS 39063 (Ohio), distinct from Indiana's Hancock County (FIPS 18059, Greenfield). No Ohio Hancock County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hancockcounty.gov>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hancock County	Allen County	Seneca County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.	No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales to retailers also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Home Bakery license pathway available for those wanting broad...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), f...	Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granol...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No fresh-fruit-dipped candies. No reduced oxygen packa...	Approved non-PHF products only. No reduced oxygen packaging. Cannot be sold outside Ohio.
POPULATION	75,072	102,087	55,062

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Hancock 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 Hancock County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/ohio/hancock-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

COURSES

Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

INSURANCE

Advertise here — Insurance

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

LOCAL

Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Hancock County, Ohio. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

crosodo.com/advertise

Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

crosodo.com/nb/ohio/hancock-county-discuss

Free ad space available

Let us know if you're a non-profit or community organization. Farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and cottage food events near you welcome.

Ads are paid placements. Crosodo does not endorse listed vendors. Verify all information independently. · To advertise: crosodo.com/advertise