

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Holmes County

Ohio · Millersburg · FIPS 39075 · Population 44,668 ·  
Crosodo Index #1909\*

## 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

2026-05-06

**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

Holmes 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?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Conditional**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**No specific pet restriction in Ohio 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.

## OHIO: HOLMES COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration. Products must be labeled per O.R.C. §3715.023. Sales within Ohio only. Direct and indirect (retail) sales both permitted. Holmes County zoning may apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Holmes County has a large Amish population with active cottage food and small food business activity.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Holmes County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Holmes County Regional Planning Commission in Millersburg for local requirements. Given the significant Amish cottage food economy, local zoning may be more permissive in practice.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement in Ohio cottage food law.

## HANDWASHING

No specific statutory handwashing mandate beyond good manufacturing practices.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — ODA has sampling authority; no routine inspection required.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level permit required. Holmes County zoning resolutions may require a home occupation permit for unincorporated areas. Contact Holmes County Regional Planning Commission in Millersburg for local requirements. Given the significant Amish cottage food economy, local zoning may be more permissive in practice.

## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

### Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                          |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                      |

### Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law (O.R.C. §3715.025 and OAC Ch. 901:3-20) governs.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Holmes County is notable for having one of the largest Amish communities in the world and a substantial cottage food/small food business economy. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Defaulted to Ohio state baseline at medium confidence.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.holmescounty.gov>

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

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

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:3-20>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/ohio/holmes-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/ohio/holmes-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Holmes County                                                                                                                                  | Coshocton County                                                                                                                               | Ashland County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.                                                                                    | No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.                                                                                    | Not specified in state cottage food law.                                                                                                       |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta... | Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta... | Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license. Custom... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration... | Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration... | Production must occur at the site where products are sold directly to consumers. Products must be on Ohio's approved cottage food product l... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.                                                  | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.                                                  | Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied by food safety standards.                                               |
| POPULATION                 | 44,273                                                                                                                                         | 36,629                                                                                                                                         | 52,522                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Holmes 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.

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| 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](https://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 Holmes 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

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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

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#### Your business here

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

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