

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jefferson County

Ohio · Steubenville · FIPS 39081 · Population 65,280 ·
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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

Jefferson 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice 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

[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: JEFFERSON COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; ODA or county health may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jefferson County (Steubenville) is in eastern Ohio near WV/PA border. Local zoning may apply. Contact Jefferson County Planning at (740) 283-8560.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio; online sales within Ohio permitted. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under cottage food framework

Relevant county code

Contact Jefferson County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, specific approved product list. No sales cap.
Jefferson County in eastern Ohio; no specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jeffersoncounty.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/jefferson-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jefferson County	Belmont County	Columbiana County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	Not specified in state law	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio; online sales within Ohio permitted. No out-of-state sales.	Direct and limited indirect sales at farmers markets, roadside stands; no out-of-state sales	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect retail sales also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration or inspection required. Must sell approved products from ODA approved list only. Cannot sell outside Ohio. No reduced oxyge...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Indirect sales allowed at limited ve...	Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), f...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required	Non-TCS shelf-stable products; no reduced oxygen packaging	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	65,280	66,554	101,723

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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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