

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Knox County

Ohio · Mount Vernon · FIPS 39083 · Population 62,657 ·
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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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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: KNOX COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Knox County includes Mount Vernon in central Ohio. Local zoning may apply. Contact Knox County Planning Commission at (740) 393-6612.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies
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Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
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DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.
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MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit
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Relevant county code

Contact Knox County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Knox County is a rural central Ohio county. Ohio cottage food: no registration, no inspection, approved product list. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.knoxcounty.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/knox-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Knox County	Ashland County	Richland 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 cottage food law.	No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.	Direct-to-consumer sales from production site permitted without license. Farmers market sales also allowed without separate license. Custom...	Ohio state law allows direct sales to consumers including at home, farmers markets, events, and online (within Ohio only). Products may not...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.	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 state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen for approved product categories (non-potentially hazardous bakery product...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required	Products must remain non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied by food safety standards.	Shelf-stable approved products stored per food safety standards. Reduced oxygen packaging not permitted.
POPULATION	62,657	52,522	125,008

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Knox 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 Knox 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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