

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Richland County

Ohio · Mansfield · FIPS 39139 · Population 125,008 · Crosodo Index #2165*

STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; approved product list required

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Good	—	MEDIUM	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

Richland 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?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

**No specific county overlay found.
State food safety standards apply.**

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen for approved product categories (non-potentially hazardous bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola, popcorn, etc.) without registration. Products must be on the state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Richland County unincorporated areas are governed by county zoning; incorporated areas (Mansfield) have city zoning. Home occupation permits may be required depending on zoning district. No specific Richland County home occupation cottage food permit details found; contact Richland County Planning Commission or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Ohio does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required per state food safety standards.

HANDWASHING

Standard state food safety handwashing requirements apply.

FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable approved products stored per food safety standards. Reduced oxygen packaging not permitted.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio state law allows direct sales to consumers including at home, farmers markets, events, and online (within Ohio only). Products may not be sold outside Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit for cottage food operations; local zoning home occupation rules may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (OH tier Good). Ohio cottage food law requires no registration or inspection and uses an approved product list. No specific Richland County cottage food or home occupation overlay found. richlandcountyoh.us is the official county URL but no relevant cottage food pages found. Confidence medium: state law is clear and well-documented; county-level zoning overlay not researched in depth due to no county-specific URLs provided.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.richlandcountyoh.us>

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

<https://www.richlandcountyoh.us>

<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/richland-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Richland County	Knox County	Huron County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county overlay found. State food safety standards apply.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Ohio state law allows direct sales to consumers including at home, farmers markets, events, and online (within Ohio only). Products may not...	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales.	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen for approved product categories (non-potentially hazardous bakery product...	No registration or inspection required. Must sell ODA approved products only. Cannot sell outside Ohio.	Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 90...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable approved products stored per food safety standards. Reduced oxygen packaging not permitted.	Non-PHF approved products only; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	125,008	62,657	58,518

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Richland 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 Richland 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

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