

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Seneca County

Ohio · Tiffin · FIPS 39147 · Population 55,062 · Crosodo Index #1661*

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

Seneca 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

No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.

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: SENECA COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. No registration required. No sales cap. No inspections. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or packed in reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state registration required for cottage food operations. Seneca County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Seneca County government in Tiffin.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections; ODA or local health may investigate on complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granola bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in jar, dry herbs, spice mixes. No registration required. No sales cap. No inspections. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio or packed in reduced oxygen packaging.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.

HANDWASHING

No formal requirement; recommended best practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Approved non-PHF products only. No reduced oxygen packaging. Cannot be sold outside Ohio.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspections; ODA or local health may investigate on complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state registration required for cottage food operations. Seneca County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Seneca County government in Tiffin.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Home Bakery license pathway available for those wanting broader options with inspection.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in OH statute.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; no Seneca County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Seneca County is in northwest Ohio. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies with specific approved product list. Ohio has a distinct two-tier framework: cottage food operations (no registration) vs. Home Bakery (requires license and inspection). No sales cap but products limited to approved list and Ohio only.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.senecacounty.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/seneca-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Seneca County	Huron County	Sandusky County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Home Bakery license pathway available for those wanting broader...	Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.	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	Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/granol...	Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 90...	Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 90...
FOOD STORAGE	Approved non-PHF products only. No reduced oxygen packaging. Cannot be sold outside Ohio.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	55,062	58,518	58,885

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Seneca 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 Seneca 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/seneca-county-discuss

Classifieds

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