

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Stark County

Ohio · Canton · FIPS 39151 · Population 374,199 · Crosodo Index #2581*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state 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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foods from specific product list permitted (bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/bars, maple sugar, popcorn products, unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal/nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, dry baking mixes in a jar, dry herbs, spice mixes). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Stark County Public Health has jurisdiction.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Stark County municipalities (Canton, Massillon, Alliance, North Canton, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. Stark County Public Health may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state restriction.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.

Inspection & permitting

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No — No routine inspection required. Stark County Public Health may investigate upon complaint.

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20-04 (approved products); local Stark County municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state cottage food law well-documented. Stark County includes Canton and Massillon. Ohio specific product list required — no generic non-TCS allowance. No state registration required. Local zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Stark County local zoning not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.starkcountyohio.gov>

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/ohio/stark-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Stark County	Summit County	Mahoning County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction.	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep area...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Conditional	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.	Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and res...	Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foo...	Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires sep...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No sep...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.	Products must be stored at primary residence; standard home kitchen storage	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; standard GMP storage practices apply.
POPULATION	374,199	539,361	227,979

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Stark 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 Stark 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/stark-county-discuss

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