

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Wayne County

Ohio · Wooster · FIPS 39169 · Population 116,680 · Crosodo Index #2101\*

## 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; Ohio only

| 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

Wayne 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; standard food safety practices 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.

## OHIO: WAYNE COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on state-approved list per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04. Wayne County (Amish country/Wooster area) follows state baseline.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections for cottage food. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.

## WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required per state food safety standards.

## HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.

## FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable approved products. Reduced oxygen packaging prohibited. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspections for cottage food. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — Wayne County unincorporated and Wooster city zoning may require home occupation permits. No specific county overlay found. Contact Wayne County or Wooster city planning.

## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Ohio allows direct sales including from home, farmers markets, events, online (within Ohio only). No wholesale. Products may not be sold outside Ohio. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.                                                                                                       |

**Relevant county code**

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

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline applied (OH tier Good). Wayne County is in east-central Ohio (Wooster/Amish Country area). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.waynecounty.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/wayne-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/ohio/wayne-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Wayne County                                                                                                                                   | Medina County                                                                                                                                  | Stark County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific county overlay; standard food safety practices apply.                                                                              | No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                             | No specific state restriction.                                                                                                                 |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Ohio allows direct sales including from home, farmers markets, events, online (within Ohio only). No wholesale. Products may not be sold ou... | Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.                                    | Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.                                                         |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchen for approved product categories. No registration or inspection required. Products must be on sta... | No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially... | 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... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Shelf-stable approved products. Reduced oxygen packaging prohibited. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.                                     | Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.                                                                                       | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.                                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 116,680                                                                                                                                        | 182,347                                                                                                                                        | 374,199                                                                                                                                        |

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Wayne 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.

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| 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](https://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 Wayne 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/wayne-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/ohio/wayne-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Wayne County, Ohio. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

[crosodo.com/nb/ohio/wayne-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/ohio/wayne-county-discuss)

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