

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wood County

Ohio · Bowling Green · FIPS 39173 · Population 131,564 ·
Crosodo Index #1570*

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

Wood 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

Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

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 (No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved product list only. Non-potentially hazardous; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wood County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Bowling Green (home of BGSU) and Perrysburg have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
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 permitted. Online sales within Ohio allowed. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; OAC 901:3-20-04.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OH) confirmed. Wood County includes Bowling Green (BGSU) and Perrysburg suburbs of Toledo. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://co.wood.oh.us>

<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/wood-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Wood County	Hancock County	Lucas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	Not specified in state statute.	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Online sales within Ohio allowed. No out-of-state sales.	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.	Cottage food may be sold directly or indirectly (Ohio allows some indirect sales). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Sales at farmers m...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outsid...	Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit from the state. Only state-appro...
FOOD STORAGE	Ohio approved product list only. Non-potentially hazardous; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only from ODA-approved product list. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	131,564	75,072	430,014

State context — Ohio cottage food law

Wood 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 Wood 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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