

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Benton County

Oregon · Corvallis · FIPS 41003 · Population 95,615 · Crosodo Index #1591*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	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

Benton County, Oregon — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Oregon 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
- ☐ Oregon home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Oregon 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 (Oregon cottage food/residential dwelling law (ORS §616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023): \$50,000 annual sales cap (CPI-adjusted). Allowed: non-PHF packaged foods including baked goods, confections, coffee beans, teas, popcorn, jams/jellies/honey/syrups/fruit butters, nut mixes, repackaged freeze-dried/dried/dehydrated foods, powdered drink mixes. Food handler certification required. No pets in food preparation area. May not sell to institutions (caterers, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants). Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Benton County (Corvallis) has a university community (Oregon State University). No Benton County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check with Benton County Planning or City of Corvallis for home-based business rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection for residential dwelling establishments under ORS §616.723.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water supply requirement stated.

HANDWASHING

Food handler certification required under ORS 624.570; covers handwashing practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-PHF shelf-stable packaged foods only; must be pre-packaged in home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, mail, and events all permitted (SB 643, 2023 expanded from prior event-only restriction). Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions. Cannot sell to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, nursing homes). No internet/mail order restrictions stated post-SB 643.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in ORS §616.723.

Relevant county code

No Benton County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Benton County-specific cottage food rules found. Oregon's SB 643 (2023) significantly expanded cottage food: raised cap to \$50,000, expanded product list to include coffee beans, teas, freeze-dried foods, powdered drink mixes, nut mixes, and allowed online/mail/event sales. Benton County is home to Oregon State University; active farmers market scene in Corvallis. Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is an alternative pathway for those wanting to sell to retailers with licensed status.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bentoncounty.gov>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Benton County	Polk County	Linn County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.	Pets must be excluded from the production area during cottage food preparation.	Pets may not be in the food preparation area; their presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for automatic disqualification ...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, mail, and events all permitted (SB 643, 2023 expanded from prior event-only restriction). Sales...	Cottage foods may be sold from home, online, by mail, at events, and to retailers (with labeling/signage requirements for retailers).	Direct-to-consumer sales at any venue — home, online, mail, events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions. No sales to ins...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Oregon cottage food/ residential dwelling law (ORS §616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023): \$50,000 annual sales cap (CPI-adjusted). Allowed: non...	Oregon cottage food exemption (ORS §616.723): non-PHF foods produced in primary home kitchen for direct sales up to \$51,200/ year (2025 cap)...	Annual sales capped at \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted, per SB 643, 2023). Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 required. Products must be pa...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable packaged foods only; must be pre-packaged in home.	Ingredients, containers, labels kept separate from household foods in closed storage. Separate refrigeration for perishable ingredients. Cl...	Non-potentially hazardous packaged foods. Stored in food-safe containers. No refrigeration required for finished products.
POPULATION	95,615	87,600	128,598

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Benton County's rules sit on top of Oregon's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
ORS §616.723	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Depends	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Direct sales to end users are permitted in any manner including online, mail, and at events. Sales to retailers (including coffee shops but not restaurants) are permitted if the retailer agrees to store/display the foods separately and clearly indicate they are homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment. Sales to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, caterers, day care centers, nursing homes, correctional facilities) are prohibited. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is required for establishments wishing to sell to retailers under licensed status rather than using the residential-dwelling exemption. The department may provide a unique identification number for use on labels. Annual records must be maintained for 3 years.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Oregon cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/oregon.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/oregon/>

Questions about Benton 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/oregon/benton-county-discuss

Classifieds

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SUPPLIES

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LOCAL

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