

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hood River County

Oregon · Hood River · FIPS 41027 · Population 23,382 ·
Crosodo Index #1260*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS \$616.723	Good	50000	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if applicable.

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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Population 23,382 · State baseline: ORS §616.723 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Residential dwelling allowed. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods permitted. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted; \$51,200 in 2025). Cannabis-containing foods excluded. May not sell to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, restaurants). Pets not allowed in food preparation area during production.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Hood River County has an active Planning Department. The Hood River County Zoning Ordinance includes home occupation provisions that apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Hood River County is an agricultural/tourism county with significant rural residential and agricultural zoning. Home occupation permits may be required depending on zone. City of Hood River has its own zoning and permitting requirements. Producers should contact Hood River County Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. ODA may respond to complaints.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if applicable.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required (ORS 624.570); proper handwashing is part of food handler training.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately. Separate storage for cottage food ingredients, packaging, and labels from household foods required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required. ODA may respond to complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Hood River County has an active Planning Department. The Hood River County Zoning Ordinance includes home occupation provisions that apply to home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Hood River County is an agricultural/tourism county with significant rural residential and agricultural zoning. Home occupation permits may be required depending on zone. City of Hood River has its own zoning and permitting requirements. Producers should contact Hood River County Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end users permitted from home, online, through the mail, and at events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions with required placard. Cannot sell to institutions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation rules typically limit non-resident employees; check county ordinance.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; Hood River County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation chapter)

RESEARCH NOTES

Hood River County is known for its agricultural production (orchards, vineyards) and outdoor recreation. Oregon cottage food law (ORS 616.723, as amended by SB 643, 2023) is the operative framework. Food handler certification required. No county-specific cottage food rules identified, but Hood River County has active planning. The county's agricultural character and tourism may make home occupation zoning compliance more actively enforced than in very rural counties.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.hood-river.or.us/planning>

<https://www.co.hood-river.or.us>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/food-safety/fs-licensing/pages/without-license.aspx>

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/em-9192-oregons-cottage-food-exemption>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hood River County	Wasco County	Clackamas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if a...	Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules. Label must note presence of pets in home if a...	Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to end users permitted from home, online, through the mail, and at events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditi...	Direct sales to end users permitted from home, online, through the mail, and at events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditi...	Direct sales from home, online, mail, and at events permitted. May also sell to retailers (with Domestic Kitchen Bakery License ~\$50/year a...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Residential dwelling allowed. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods permitted. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted; \$51,200 in 2025). Can...	Residential dwelling allowed. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods permitted. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted; \$51,200 in 2025). Can...	Oregon cottage food law (ORS 616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023) allows packaged non-TCS foods from residential dwellings. Annual sales cap ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately. Separate storage for cottage food ingredients, packaging, and la...	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately. Separate storage for cottage food ingredients, packaging, and la...	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.
POPULATION	23,382	27,036	420,925

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Hood River 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

ORS §616.723

ANNUAL SALES CAP

50000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Depends

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

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 Hood River 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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