

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jackson County

Oregon · Medford · FIPS 41029 · Population 222,604 ·
Crosodo Index #801*

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

Jackson 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets may not be present in the food preparation area during production. Since SB 643 (2023), pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification.

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 state law (ORS §616.723, as amended by SB 643 in 2023) permits cottage food production from a residential dwelling. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Food handler certification required (ORS §624.570). Pets may not be in the food preparation area, though presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643). Cottage food may not be sold to institutions (caterers, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Jackson County (unincorporated areas): home occupation permit requirements administered by Jackson County Development Services. Medford and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning ordinances. Contact Jackson County Development Services or the relevant city planning department for specific requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required for Oregon cottage food under ORS §616.723 (no registration pathway). Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint. Optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) available for those wishing to sell to retailers.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Oregon state law (ORS §616.723, as amended by SB 643 in 2023) permits cottage food production from a residential dwelling. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Food handler certification required (ORS §624.570). Pets may not be in the food preparation area, though presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643). Cottage food may not be sold to institutions (caterers, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets may not be present in the food preparation area during production. Since SB 643 (2023), pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement documented for Oregon cottage food operations under ORS §616.723.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification under ORS §624.570 required, which includes food safety and hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous (non-TCS) foods only; standard GMP storage. Products must be packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required for Oregon cottage food under ORS §616.723 (no registration pathway). Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint. Optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) available for those wishing to sell to retailers.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Jackson County (unincorporated areas): home occupation permit requirements administered by Jackson County Development Services. Medford and other incorporated cities within the county have their own zoning ordinances. Contact Jackson County Development Services or the relevant city planning department for specific requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Oregon cottage food law (SB 643, 2023) expanded to permit online, mail-order, and event sales. Home pickup and delivery to consumers allowed. May not sell to restaurants or retail stores (unless using the optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License). Products may not be sold to institutions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Oregon cottage food statute for residential dwelling operations. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; Jackson County Development Services zoning regulations (contact required)

RESEARCH NOTES

Oregon state baseline applies. Jackson County (county seat: Medford) has no county-level cottage food URL in input. SB 643 (2023) significantly expanded Oregon's cottage food law: raised cap from \$20,000 to \$50,000, expanded allowed products, permitted online/mail/event sales. No Jackson County-specific overrides found. Operators must obtain food handler certification and comply with ORS §616.723 product list restrictions.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jacksoncounty.gov>

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

https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.723

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jackson County	Douglas County	Josephine County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets may not be present in the food preparation area during production. Since SB 643 (2023), pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an auto...	Pets may not be in food preparation area but their presence elsewhere in the dwelling no longer disqualifies (SB 643).	Pets must be excluded from the production area during cottage food preparation.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Oregon cottage food law (SB 643, 2023) expanded to permit online, mail-order, and event sales. Home pickup and delivery to consumers allowe...	Oregon allows direct sales at home, online, mail, and events. Retail sales to stores permitted under specific conditions (with Domestic Kit...	Cottage foods can be sold from home, online, by mail, or at events. May also be sold to retailers if under the Domestic Kitchen License pat...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Oregon state law (ORS §616.723, as amended by SB 643 in 2023) permits cottage food production from a residential dwelling. Annual sales cap...	Oregon allows packaged non-PHF foods from residential dwelling. \$50,000 annual cap (SB 643, 2023, CPI-adjusted). Food handler certification...	Cottage food exemption (ORS §616.723, enacted by SB 643 in 2023): home kitchens may produce non-potentially-hazardous foods without a licen...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous (non-TCS) foods only; standard GMP storage. Products must be packaged in the home.	Non-PHF packaged products only. Cannabis products expressly excluded. Refrigerated products not permitted.	All ingredients, containers, and labels must be kept apart from household foods in separate, closed storage. Separate refrigerated storage ...
POPULATION	222,604	111,322	87,994

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Jackson 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 Jackson 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/jackson-county-discuss

Classifieds

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LOCAL

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