

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Josephine County

Oregon · Grants Pass · FIPS 41033 · Population 87,994 ·
Crosodo Index #1223*

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

Josephine 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 must be excluded from the production area during cottage food preparation.

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?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Josephine County has a planning department at <https://www.josephinecounty.gov/planning>. Home-based food businesses may be subject to home occupation provisions in the Josephine County Zoning Ordinance. Producers should check with Josephine County Planning to determine if a home occupation permit is required for cottage food operations, particularly if generating customer traffic at the residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required for cottage food exemption. ODA may inspect if complaint or foodborne illness reported. County health departments do not license domestic kitchens for food service.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets must be excluded from the production area during cottage food preparation.

WATER SUPPLY

Home kitchen on well and/or septic system has additional requirements under the domestic kitchen license. For cottage food exemption, potable water is expected.

HANDWASHING

Kitchen must be built and maintained in a clean and sanitary manner; implied handwashing facilities required.

FOOD STORAGE

All ingredients, containers, and labels must be kept apart from household foods in separate, closed storage. Separate refrigerated storage required for perishable ingredients. Household cleaning materials stored separately. No medical supplies in the kitchen.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	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 pathway, but cottage food exemption allows retail sales to properly licensed retailers who must separate products and use clear signage indicating homemade/uninspected status.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit in state cottage food law; kitchen must be the producer's primary kitchen.

Relevant county code

Josephine County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions). No specific county cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Oregon SB 643 (2023) created the cottage food exemption under ORS §616.723, allowing home kitchen production of non-PHF foods up to \$51,200/year (2025 cap) without a license. Food handler's card required. Josephine County Health page exists but no county-specific cottage food rules identified. County planning department URL confirmed from input. OSU Extension guide (EM-9192) provides authoritative state-level details. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from authoritative OSU Extension/ODA sources; Josephine County specific zoning rules not verified from official county code text.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.josephinecounty.gov/health>

<https://www.josephinecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.josephinecounty.gov>

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/pub/em-9192>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/food-safety/fs-licensing/pages/domestic-kitchen.aspx>

<https://www.josephinecounty.gov/planning>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Josephine 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 Josephine 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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