

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Polk County

Oregon · Dallas · FIPS 41053 · Population 87,600 · Crosodo
Index #1222*

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

Polk 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?

Yes (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) without a license. Food handler's card required. Pets excluded during production. All production/storage must be within home kitchen space only. Garages/basements require different license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Polk County Planning Department governs home occupation permits in unincorporated Polk County. City of Dallas and other municipalities have their own requirements. No specific Polk County cottage food ordinance identified; producers should contact Polk County Planning to determine if a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection for cottage food exemption. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

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	Potable water required. Home on well/septic may have additional requirements under licensed pathway.
HANDWASHING	Clean and sanitary kitchen required; implied handwashing facilities.
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients, containers, labels kept separate from household foods in closed storage. Separate refrigeration for perishable ingredients. Cleaning chemicals stored separately.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Polk County Planning Department governs home occupation permits in unincorporated Polk County. City of Dallas and other municipalities have their own requirements. No specific Polk County cottage food ordinance identified; producers should contact Polk County Planning to determine if a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Cottage foods may be sold from home, online, by mail, at events, and to retailers (with labeling/signage requirements for retailers).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Polk County-specific cottage food code identified. ORS §616.723 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Polk County follows the statewide Oregon cottage food framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Input had no county URLs. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from OSU Extension/ODA sources; Polk County-specific zoning not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.polkcounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Polk County	Benton County	Yamhill 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 the food preparation area during production.	Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production (per SB 643; no longer an automatic disqualifier if elsewhere in dwelling).
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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 from home, online, mail, and events all permitted (SB 643, 2023 expanded from prior event-only restriction). Sales...	Sales permitted from home, online, mail, and at events. Sales to institutions prohibited. Sales to retailers conditionally permitted. Direc...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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)...	Oregon cottage food/ residential dwelling law (ORS §616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023): \$50,000 annual sales cap (CPI-adjusted). Allowed: non...	Oregon allows packaged non-potentially-hazardous foods from residential dwellings: baked goods, confectionery, coffee beans, teas, popcorn,...
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients, containers, labels kept separate from household foods in closed storage. Separate refrigeration for perishable ingredients. Cl...	Non-PHF shelf-stable packaged foods only; must be pre-packaged in home.	All production, including storage of equipment, ingredients, and finished product, must occur within the home kitchen space. No garage, bas...
POPULATION	87,600	95,615	107,674

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Polk 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 Polk 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/polk-county-discuss

Classifieds

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