

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wheeler County

Oregon · Fossil · FIPS 41069 · Population 1,327 · Crosodo Index #702*

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

Wheeler 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 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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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

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Wheeler County is one of the least populated counties in the United States with approximately 1,327 residents. Effectively no county planning staff. Home occupations subject to state land use framework. Producers should contact Wheeler County Court for any applicable requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

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

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
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	Not specified at county level; state law applies to producer operating from dwelling.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723

RESEARCH NOTES

Wheeler County is one of the least populated counties in the entire United States, with fewer than 1,400 residents. 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. Extremely rural; minimal local regulatory infrastructure.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME<https://www.wheelercountyor.gov><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/wheeler-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Wheeler County	Crook County	Gilliam County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
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INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
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POPULATION	1,327	24,918	1,909

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Wheeler 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 Wheeler 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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NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

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