

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wayne County

Pennsylvania · Honesdale · FIPS 42127 · Population 51,227 ·
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STATE BASELINE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Wayne County, Pennsylvania — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Pennsylvania 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
- ☐ Pennsylvania home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Pennsylvania 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 (Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued. Must submit at least 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Label requirements apply.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Wayne County may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. City of Honesdale and individual townships have separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Wayne County Planning and Zoning and relevant township.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply as part of LFE program.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of LFE kitchen inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required per LFE requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply as part of LFE program.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Wayne County may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. City of Honesdale and individual townships have separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Wayne County Planning and Zoning and relevant township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retailers. All material submitted 60 days before opening.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state LFE rules.

Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Wayne County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with initial kitchen inspection — one of fewer states requiring a pre-operational inspection. Registration fee is \$35 (2-year). 60-day advance application required. Wayne County is a rural northeastern PA county; no county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state LFE requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.waynecounty.gov>

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Wayne County	Pike County	Monroe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.	Subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.	Home kitchen inspected; pets likely required away from food prep areas during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retaile...	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.	Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facili...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required be...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and sub...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required per LFE requirements.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.
POPULATION	51,227	58,996	168,128

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Wayne County's rules sit on top of Pennsylvania's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Pennsylvania cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/pennsylvania/>

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crosodo.com/nb/pennsylvania/wayne-county-discuss

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