

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Anderson County

South Carolina · Anderson · FIPS 45007 · Population
204,592 · Crosodo Index #795*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
S.C. Code §44-1-145	Good	—	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

Anderson County, South Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[South Carolina 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

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Anderson County and municipalities (Anderson City, Williamston, Belton, Pendleton) may have home occupation zoning requirements. South Carolina does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning for cottage food. Contact Anderson County Planning & Development or relevant municipal planning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under South Carolina cottage food law. SC Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement documented for South Carolina cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Foods with pH above 5.6 or acidified foods with pH above 4.6 are presumed potentially hazardous.

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	South Carolina cottage food law (2022 amendment) allows sales at home, events, online, mail-order, and through retail/grocery stores. No wholesale prohibition for sales to retailers. Home pickup and delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in South Carolina cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

S.C. Code §44-1-145; Anderson County zoning ordinances (contact Planning & Development)

RESEARCH NOTES

South Carolina state baseline applies. Anderson County (county seat: Anderson) is in the upstate South Carolina region near Clemson University. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) significantly expanded SC's cottage food law, including retail store sales and online/mail-order. The SC Department of Agriculture took over food safety oversight from DHEC effective July 1, 2024 (Act No. 60, 2023). No county-specific overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.andersoncounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Anderson County	Pickens County	Greenville County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen sanitation required.	All animals, including pets, must be kept out of the food production area at all times
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	South Carolina cottage food law (2022 amendment) allows sales at home, events, online, mail-order, and through retail/grocery stores. No wh...	Direct and indirect sales including retail stores and online/mail order within SC.	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, events; also permitted wholesale to restaurants and retail stores. Online sales and deli...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
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FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Foods with pH above 5.6 or acidified foods with pH above 4.6 are pres...	Non-TCS products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods; no domestic activities in kitchen while processing food
POPULATION	204,592	131,106	528,251

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

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

STATUTE

S.C. Code §44-1-145

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/south-carolina/>

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