

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cherokee County

South Carolina · Gaffney · FIPS 45021 · Population 56,200 ·
Crosodo Index #1657*

STATE BASELINE

S.C. Code §44-1-145 (amended 2022, Act No. 208)

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific SC state or Cherokee County restriction found.

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.

SOUTH CAROLINA: CHEROKEE COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods from primary domestic residence kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. No sales cap. Retail store sales allowed since 2022. Online/mail order sales allowed. Oversight transferred to SC Dept. of Agriculture effective July 1, 2024.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific SC state or Cherokee County restriction found.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific Cherokee County cottage food zoning ordinance identified. County may have general home occupation provisions. Contact Cherokee County government in Gaffney.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (SCDA may investigate upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods from primary domestic residence kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. No sales cap. Retail store sales allowed since 2022. Online/mail order sales allowed. Oversight transferred to SC Dept. of Agriculture effective July 1, 2024.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific SC state or Cherokee County restriction found.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal state requirement; standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable. Cannot have pH above 5.6 (non-acid foods) or above 4.6 (acidified foods) without a product assessment.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — SCDA may investigate upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No specific Cherokee County cottage food zoning ordinance identified. County may have general home occupation provisions. Contact Cherokee County government in Gaffney.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales (retail stores) permitted since 2022. Online and mail order allowed. Department-issued ID number may be used in lieu of home address on labels.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in SC statute.

Relevant county code

S.C. Code §44-1-145; no Cherokee County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Cherokee County is a rural upstate SC county. The 2022 SC Act No. 208 was a major expansion allowing retail store sales, online/mail order, and removing the inspection exemption application process. Oversight moved from DHEC to SCDA in July 2024. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Statute explicitly does not require registration for operations with net earnings above \$1,500.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cherokeecounty.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/cherokee-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cherokee County	York County	Spartanburg County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific SC state or Cherokee County restriction found.	All animals including pets excluded from production area during food production	All animals including pets must be excluded from production area during food production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales (retail stores) permitted since 2022. Online and mail order allowed. Department-issued ID number may be used in l...	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods from primary domestic residence kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. No sales cap. Ret...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded from production area; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS fo...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded from production area; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS fo...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable. Cannot have pH above 5.6 (non-acid foods) or above 4.6 (acidified foods) witho...	Stored in sanitary conditions	Stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	56,200	282,987	330,119

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

Cherokee 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
S.C. Code §44-1-145	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	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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Classifieds

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