

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Darlington County

South Carolina · Darlington · FIPS 45031 · Population 63,025
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STATE BASELINE

S.C. Code §44-1-145 (Home-based Food Production Law, as amended 2022)

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

Darlington County, South Carolina — 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

No

PETS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

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**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning may apply.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Darlington County is in the Pee Dee region of SC. SC guidance notes producers contact local zoning. Contact Darlington County Planning at (843) 398-4000.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning may apply.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Darlington County is in the Pee Dee region of SC. SC guidance notes producers contact local zoning. Contact Darlington County Planning at (843) 398-4000.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under state law

Relevant county code

Contact Darlington County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Darlington County is a rural Pee Dee region SC county (home of the Darlington Raceway/NASCAR). SC state law allows cottage food from home without license or permit. No county-specific overrides identified. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.darlingtoncounty.gov>

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

https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/SCHome-basedFoodProductionLawBook2024_digital.pdf

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Darlington County	Kershaw County	Florence County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practice applies	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online sales, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands, as well as indirect sales to retail stores and online/mail order within SC. W...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning ...	Allowed for non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in operator's primary domestic residence. No license, permit, or mandatory application...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows on...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) products only; stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	63,025	65,779	137,015

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

Darlington 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

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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/>

Questions about Darlington 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/south-carolina/darlington-county-discuss

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