

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lancaster County

South Carolina · Lancaster · FIPS 45057 · Population 97,611 ·
Crosodo Index #1669*

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

Lancaster 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 restriction under South Carolina cottage food law.

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 (South Carolina cottage food law (§44-1-145, 2022 amendment): no registration, no inspection, no sales cap. Allowed: non-PHF foods from primary domestic residence including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, and other shelf-stable foods. 2022 amendment added retail store/grocery store sales, online/mail order sales, and removed prior inspection application process. Operations with net earnings below \$1,500/year are exempt from the section entirely.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under South Carolina cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lancaster County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No Lancaster County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check with Lancaster County Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection authority; the 2022 amendment removed the prior inspection exemption application process.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction under South Carolina cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; pH or water activity assessment may be needed for borderline products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — Lancaster County may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No Lancaster County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check with Lancaster County Planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Retail stores, grocery stores, online, mail order, farmers markets, home pickup all permitted as of 2022 amendment. No out-of-state restriction stated.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in South Carolina cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Lancaster County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Lancaster County-specific cottage food rules found. South Carolina's 2022 amendment (Act No. 208, S.1006) significantly expanded the law to allow retail/grocery 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).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lancastercounty.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/lancaster-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lancaster County	Kershaw County	York County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under South Carolina cottage food law.	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practice applies	All animals including pets excluded from production area during food production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Retail stores, grocery stores, online, mail order, farmers markets, home pickup all permitted as of 2022...	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online sales, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	South Carolina cottage food law (§44-1-145, 2022 amendment): no registration, no inspection, no sales cap. Allowed: non-PHF foods from prim...	Allowed for non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in operator's primary domestic residence. No license, permit, or mandatory application...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded from production area; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS fo...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; pH or water activity assessment may be needed for borderline products.	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required	Stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	97,611	65,779	282,987

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

Lancaster 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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