

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Marion County

South Carolina · Marion · FIPS 45067 · Population 30,657 ·  
Crosodo Index #1502\*

STATE BASELINE

S.C. Code §44-1-145

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.**

### 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: MARION COUNTY

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## Marion County

Population 30,657 · State baseline: S.C. Code §44-1-145 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (South Carolina allows cottage food from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence (S.C. Code §44-1-145). No registration, permit, or inspection required. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded to allow retail store and grocery store sales, online/mail order, and added option to use department-issued ID number in lieu of home address on labels. No sales cap. Operations with net earnings below \$1,500 are exempt from the section entirely. Must label products 'Homemade food, not inspected by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.')

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Marion County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning for commercial activity in residential zones. Operators should check with county planning or zoning office.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only. SC Dept. of Agriculture (formerly DHEC, transferred July 1, 2024) may inspect upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement under SC cottage food law.

## HANDWASHING

Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. No geographic restriction within SC. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified by state law; must be primary domestic residence.                                                                                                          |

**Relevant county code**

Marion County zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions), S.C. Code §44-1-145

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State cottage food law (S.C. Code §44-1-145) provides baseline with no sales cap, no registration required, and no inspection required. Food safety oversight transferred from DHEC to SC Dept. of Agriculture effective July 1, 2024 (Act No. 60). Rural SC county in the Pee Dee region. SC §44-1-145 governs. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found. County-specific zoning rules not researched at ordinance level. Confidence medium: state rules well-documented; local home occupation rules not confirmed.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.marioncountysc.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/marion-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/south-carolina/marion-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Marion County                                                                                                                                  | Dillon County                                                                                                                                  | Williamsburg County                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                         | No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                         | No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
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| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
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| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.                                                                | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.                                                                | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 30,657                                                                                                                                         | 30,479                                                                                                                                         | 30,184                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — South Carolina cottage food law

Marion 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.

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**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.

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/south-carolina).

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**STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES**

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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

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Marion County, South Carolina. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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