

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Grayson County

Virginia · Independence · FIPS 51077 · Population 15,265 ·  
Crosodo Index #1361\*

STATE BASELINE

Va. Code §3.2-5130

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered

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

Grayson County, Virginia — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

**Tiered**

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**No specific state cottage food pet restriction.**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Virginia label one-pager →](#)

[Print labels for your first market →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

## VIRGINIA: GRAYSON COUNTY

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## Grayson County

Population 15,265 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Grayson County may require a local business license. Contact Grayson County administrator for local requirements.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

## HANDWASHING

No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Grayson County may require a local business license. Contact Grayson County administrator for local requirements.

## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Likely

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                         |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                 |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                             |

**Relevant county code**

No Grayson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Grayson County is a rural southwestern Virginia county near the NC border. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.graysoncountyva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss)

## Grayson County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Grayson County                                                                                                                                 | Galax city                                                                                                                                     | Wythe County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state cottage food pet restriction.                                                                                                | No specific state cottage food pet restriction.                                                                                                | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all ti... |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.    | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.    | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales a... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Likely                                                                                                                                         | Likely                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a p... | Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a p... | Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wythe County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific c... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                                               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                                               | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.                                                      |
| POPULATION                 | 15,356                                                                                                                                         | 6,687                                                                                                                                          | 28,275                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Virginia cottage food law

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

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### STATUTE

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (HB 402 / 2026 c. 605)

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/2026/HB402>

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter51/section3.2-5130/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/virginia/>

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[crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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##### Advertise here — Courses

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

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##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Grayson County, Virginia. 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.

[crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/grayson-county-discuss)

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