

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Florida

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Fla. Stat. §500.80.

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Fla. Stat. §500.80	Great	B-	67	2026-05-05

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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.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Florida cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 67 Florida counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

250000

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

limited (see notes) — Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.

RESEARCH NOTES

The \$250,000 annual sales cap was raised in 2021 from the previous \$50,000 cap — among the highest in the country. No registration, permit, or inspection is required before beginning operations. Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a complaint (§500.80(7)). State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) is strong — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations, though the business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Online sales and mail-order delivery are expressly permitted. The 2025 statute text was retrieved directly from the Florida Legislature website.

Florida Statutes §500.80 (Cottage food operations), Title XXXIII, Chapter 500 (Food Products)

CITATION

Fla. Stat. §500.80

ENACTED

2012

LAST AMENDED

2021

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Florida uses a broad non-TCS standard — any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety is allowed. Common examples include baked goods, candies, jams, jellies, dried goods, roasted nuts, and similar shelf-stable items.

Prohibited foods

Foods that require temperature control for safety (TCS foods) are prohibited, including items with meat, dairy requiring refrigeration, custard-filled pastries, raw sprouts, and similar potentially hazardous items. Cottage food products may not be sold at wholesale.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include the name and address of the cottage food operation, product name, ingredients in descending order by weight, net weight or volume, allergen information per federal requirements, and the statement 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations' in at least 10-point contrasting type.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

500.80 Cottage food operations.— (1)(a) A cottage food operation must comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter but is exempt from the permitting requirements of s. 500.12 if the cottage food operation complies with this section and has annual gross sales of cottage food products that do not exceed \$250,000. (b) For purposes of this subsection, a cottage food operation's annual gross sales include all sales of cottage food products at any location, regardless of the types of products sold or the number of persons involved in the operation. A cottage food operation must provide the department, upon request, with written documentation to verify the operation's annual gross sales. (2) A cottage food operation may sell, offer for sale, and accept payment for cottage food products over the Internet or by mail order. Such products may be delivered in person directly to the consumer, to a specific event venue, or by United States Postal Service or commercial mail delivery service. A cottage food operation may not sell, offer for sale, or deliver cottage food products at wholesale. (6) The regulation of cottage food operations is preempted to the state. A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit a cottage food operation or regulate the preparation, processing, storage, or sale of cottage food products by a cottage food operation; however, a cottage food operation must comply with the conditions for the operation of a home-based business under s. 559.955.

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 67 Florida counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 7 · FIPS 12086 · Miami

Miami-Dade County

Population 2,688,237 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (COU) for home occupation in unincorporated areas, and cottage food operations are explicitly noted in the COU application as limited to the kitchen area only (per §500.80). The COU must be renewed and inspected annually by September 30.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on the cottage operation's premises (state baseline).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint. County COU: annual renewal inspection by September 30. The department may enter premises only upon receipt of a complaint.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use for Home Occupation (Miami-Dade County Code §33-25.1) for any home-based business in unincorporated areas, including cottage food. The COU application must include a floor plan and site plan. Fee applies. Annual renewal and inspection required by September 30. Application via Miami-Dade Building Department portal or in person at 11805 SW 26 St, Suite 106; phone 786-315-2660.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	County COU limits customer/delivery parking to on-site or right-of-way directly in front of home. Business activities must not generate more parking demand than a comparable residence. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	2 non-resident employees maximum under Miami-Dade home occupation rules

Relevant county code

Miami-Dade County Code §33-25.1 (Home Occupation); Miami-Dade Zoning Dept COU Application form (notes cottage food limited to kitchen area)

RESEARCH NOTES

Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (Home Occupation) for cottage food operations in unincorporated areas, unlike most Florida counties which have no county-level home occupation permit requirement. The COU application form explicitly states cottage food is limited to the kitchen area. Annual COU inspection by September 30 required. State preemption means the county cannot prohibit or regulate the food safety aspects of the operation, but can regulate it as a home business. Max home occupation area: 25% of living area, not exceeding 500 sq ft.

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RANK 17 · FIPS 12011 · Fort Lauderdale

Broward County

Population 1,940,907 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations. In the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated Broward), home-based businesses are permitted in all residential districts under Broward County Code Sec. 39-237, subject to limitations. Cottage food is not separately addressed in county code; operators must comply with home-based business rules. Most Broward residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own codes.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises (state baseline).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint. County: no separate cottage food inspection. Home-based business operations in unincorporated areas comply with Sec. 39-237 which does not require a specific permit for home occupation per state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — Broward County Sec. 39-237 allows home-based businesses in all residential zoning districts in unincorporated areas with limitations (no retail transactions at home, up to 2 non-resident employees, activities secondary to residential use). Incorporated municipalities (Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Miramar, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. No specific county cottage food permit found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	County code prohibits retail transactions at the home in unincorporated Broward. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales. State preemption bars county from restricting cottage food operations specifically.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Up to 2 non-resident employees/contractors permitted under Broward County Code Sec. 39-237 for home-based businesses

Relevant county code

Broward County Code of Ordinances Sec. 39-237 (Home-based business, BMSD/unincorporated areas)

RESEARCH NOTES

Broward County has very little unincorporated area (the BMSD); the vast majority of residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own codes. State preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) prevents local prohibition or regulation of cottage food operations, but home-based business rules (§559.955) still apply. The county's home-based business ordinance (Sec. 39-237) allows up to 2 non-resident employees, prohibits on-site retail transactions, and requires activities to be secondary to residential use. No specific county cottage food permit requirement found.

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RANK 26 · FIPS 12099 · West Palm Beach

Palm Beach County

Population 1,494,805 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Palm Beach County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is required under Fla. Stat. §559.955 (home-based business conditions). No routine inspection; only upon complaint.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — Florida state preemption bars local prohibition of cottage food. Home-based business conditions under §559.955 apply. Incorporated cities within Palm Beach County may have home occupation permit requirements. No county-specific cottage food permit found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; Fla. Stat. §500.80 and §559.955 apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Palm Beach County follows Florida state baseline. State preemption is strong; local ordinances cannot prohibit or regulate cottage food. Operators must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. No county-specific rules found.

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RANK 27 · FIPS 12057 · Tampa

Hillsborough County

Population 1,468,560 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Hillsborough County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is required under Fla. Stat. §559.955 (home-based business conditions). No routine inspection; only upon complaint.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies by city — Florida state preemption bars local prohibition of cottage food. Home-based business conditions under §559.955 apply. Incorporated cities within Hillsborough County (Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City) may have home occupation permit requirements. No county-specific cottage food permit found.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; Fla. Stat. §500.80 and §559.955 apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Hillsborough County (Tampa) follows Florida state baseline. State preemption is strong. No county-specific cottage food rules found. The county type is listed as 'borough' in the input data but this appears to be a data entry error — Hillsborough is a standard Florida county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 29 · FIPS 12095 · Orlando

Orange County

Population 1,427,403 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Orange County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is required under Fla. Stat. §559.955 (home-based business conditions). No routine inspection; only upon complaint.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — Florida state preemption bars local prohibition of cottage food. Home-based business conditions under §559.955 apply. Incorporated cities within Orange County (Orlando, Kissimmee, Apopka, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. No county-specific cottage food permit found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; Fla. Stat. §500.80 and §559.955 apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Orange County, FL (Orlando) follows Florida state baseline. State preemption is strong. No county-specific cottage food rules found. Note: this is Orange County, FL — distinct from Orange County, CA (rank 6).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 50 · FIPS 12031 · Jacksonville

Duval County

Population 995,708 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida's cottage food law (§500.80) requires production in the kitchen of the operator's residence only. Motor home kitchens and rented kitchens are not permitted. Production must occur at the cottage food operator's primary residence. Duval County and the City of Jacksonville are a consolidated city-county government since 1968; all unincorporated Duval County is governed by the City of Jacksonville. Florida preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (§500.80(6)).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Florida state law does not address pets in cottage food kitchens. FDACS guidance does not prohibit pets but standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system required per FDACS guidance.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety guidance; no additional county requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Products must be stored on the premises of the cottage food operation per §500.80(4). Septic system adequacy for additional wastewater should be verified with the local health department if relevant.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — Per §500.80(7), FDACS may inspect only upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation. No routine inspections. Refusal to permit inspection is grounds for disciplinary action. State-level only — county/local health inspections not applicable.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Florida §559.955 (Home-based businesses; local government restrictions) substantially limits local regulation of home-based businesses. Local governments cannot license or regulate home-based businesses beyond business tax receipts (chapter 205) and cannot impose requirements more stringent than those for residences without businesses. Jacksonville/ Duval zoning code (Chapter 656) allows home occupations in residential districts as a permitted use meeting performance standards in §656.401(n). Jacksonville requires: resident operators only, business incidental and subordinate to residential use, no change to residential character, no exterior business evidence. Jacksonville's consolidated city-county government applies a single code across all of what was formerly unincorporated Duval County. A home occupation permit review may be required for Jacksonville addresses; contact the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, to specific event venue, or by USPS/commercial carrier. Online orders and mail-order accepted. No wholesale sales permitted. Retail transactions at a structure other than the residential dwelling are not permitted per §559.955(3). On-site customer pickup allowed if consistent with residential character and not generating excessive traffic. County and municipal laws on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation still apply per §500.80(6).

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Up to 2 non-resident employees or independent contractors may work at the residence per Florida §559.955(3)(a); additional remote employees permitted.

Relevant county code

Jacksonville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), §656.401(n) Home Occupations; Fla. Stat. §500.80; Fla. Stat. §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

Duval County and the City of Jacksonville have been a consolidated city-county government since 1968 (Consolidated City of Jacksonville). Florida's state preemption (§500.80(6)) is strong and explicit: 'A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit a cottage food operation or regulate the preparation, processing, storage, or sale of cottage food products.' However, cottage food operations must comply with §559.955 home-based business conditions. The FDACS guidance document explicitly confirms no FDACS license or permit is required and no state entity inspects cottage food operations except upon complaint. Jacksonville's Chapter 656 zoning code allows home occupations as a permitted use in residential districts subject to performance standards (§656.401(n)). UF/IFAS Extension Duval County actively supports cottage food entrepreneurs through the Homemade Entrepreneurship program. The \$250,000 annual gross sales cap applies statewide. Florida §559.955 (2025) significantly limits local regulatory authority over home-based businesses including cottage food operations, permitting only business tax receipts and parking/signage rules consistent with residential standards.

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RANK 52 · FIPS 12103 · Clearwater

Pinellas County

Population 959,918 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; spare rooms or basements free of dampness/pests are acceptable; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Pinellas County Health Department has no additional inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. However, cottage food operations must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation. Contact Pinellas County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards. Local ordinances on those specific subjects still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Pinellas County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. No county-level permit or inspection required for cottage food. The \$250,000 annual cap (raised from \$50,000 in 2021) applies statewide. No registration, license, or food handler training required at state or county level. The IJ Florida page confirms local ordinances are preempted as of July 2021.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://pinellas.floridahealth.gov>

<https://pinellas.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/st-johns/fcs/pdf/CottageFoodOperations.pdf>

RANK 82 · FIPS 12071 · Fort Myers

Lee County

Population 772,902 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021); annual cap \$250,000 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Florida strong state preemption: local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations. Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only (no garages, sheds, motor homes). Non-TCS foods only. Production and storage in single-family domestic residence.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state law; no contamination

WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices
FOOD STORAGE	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no garage/shed/barn/outbuilding storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). Lee County Health Department has no additional inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption (§500.80(6)) prevents local restriction on cottage food operations. However, Lee County and municipalities (Fort Myers, Cape Coral, etc.) can regulate traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours. Contact Lee County Community Development for any applicable home occupation standard. Business tax receipt from Lee County Tax Collector may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. Mail delivery permitted. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local traffic/parking/noise/signage ordinances still apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Lee County follows Florida state baseline. Strong state preemption means Lee County and its municipalities cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours. Lee County Health Department (lee.floridahealth.gov) has no inspection authority beyond complaints. The county experienced significant growth post-Hurricane Ian (2022).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://lee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.leegov.com/dcd>

<https://www.leegov.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

RANK 87 · FIPS 12105 · Bartow

Polk County

Population 736,229 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021); annual cap \$250,000 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida strong state preemption applies. Must be in operator's home kitchen only. Non-TCS foods only. Production and storage in single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices
FOOD STORAGE	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no outbuildings

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only. Polk County Health Department has no additional inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption prevents local restriction on cottage food. Polk County and municipalities (Bartow, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Haines City, etc.) can regulate traffic, parking, noise, signage, hours. Contact Polk County Development & Regulatory Services or applicable city for home occupation standard. Business tax receipt from Polk County Tax Collector may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours ordinances still apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Polk County follows Florida state baseline. Strong preemption means no local restriction on cottage food operations. No Polk County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://polk.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.polk-county.net/development>

<https://www.polk-county.net>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

RANK 110 · FIPS 12009 · Titusville

Brevard County

Population 610,723 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any non-TCS (not potentially hazardous) food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law

HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Brevard County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply, but local health/food-specific restrictions are preempted.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines (since 2021). No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants. \$250,000 annual gross sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption applies statewide including Brevard County)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida is a Great-tier state with strong local preemption. No local registration, permit, or inspection allowed for cottage food. Brevard County (including Titusville, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Cocoa areas) cannot impose any additional cottage food regulations beyond state law. \$250,000 annual cap. Required label: name, address, product name, ingredients, net weight, allergens, and statement 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' Confidence high based on confirmed state preemption under Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) and IJ research confirming local ordinances are preempted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://brevard.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.brevardfl.gov>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 120 · FIPS 12101 · Dade City

Pasco County

Population 569,211 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Pasco County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants. \$250,000 annual gross sales cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption applies statewide including Pasco County)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Great-tier state with strong local preemption per Fla. Stat. §500.80(6). Pasco County (including Dade City, New Port Richey, Zephyrhills areas) cannot impose additional cottage food regulations. Same framework as Brevard County FL. \$250,000 cap. Confidence high based on confirmed state preemption.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://pasco.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

RANK 122 · FIPS 12127 · DeLand

Volusia County

Population 558,520 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state cottage food pet restriction

WATER SUPPLY No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law

HANDWASHING No specific requirement in state cottage food law

FOOD STORAGE Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) preempts local government from imposing additional regulations on cottage food operations. Volusia County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants. \$250,000 annual gross sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption applies statewide including Volusia County)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Great-tier state with strong local preemption per Fla. Stat. §500.80(6). Volusia County (DeLand, Daytona Beach, Deltona areas) cannot impose additional cottage food regulations. Same framework as Brevard and Pasco Counties FL. \$250,000 cap. Confidence high based on confirmed state preemption.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://volusia.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.volusia.org>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

RANK 150 · FIPS 12117 · Sanford

Seminole County

Population 471,321 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida §500.80 requires production in the operator's residential kitchen only. Rented and commercial kitchens are not eligible. Florida preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (§500.80(6)); Seminole County cannot prohibit or restrict cottage food preparation, processing, storage, or sale. The cottage food operation must comply with §559.955 home-based business conditions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Florida state law does not address pets in cottage food kitchens; standard food safety hygiene applies.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water from properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system required per FDACS guidance.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety guidance.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored on the premises of the cottage food operation per §500.80(4).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS may inspect only upon receipt of a complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine inspections. Seminole County Health Department cannot conduct food safety inspections of cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Seminole County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones. CityRuleLookup (sourcing Municode Library, Seminole County, verified ~1 year ago) indicates a local business tax receipt and/or home occupation permit may be required. Florida §559.955 limits local authority: local governments may not impose requirements on home-based businesses more restrictive than those for residences without businesses; only business tax receipts (chapter 205) and reasonable traffic/parking/signage rules are permissible. The Land Development Code of Seminole County governs unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Sanford, Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood, Oviedo, Winter Springs) have their own rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, specific event venue, or by USPS/commercial carrier. Online orders and mail-order accepted. No wholesale. On-site pickup allowed if consistent with residential character. County and municipal traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours ordinances still apply per §500.80(6) exception.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Up to 2 non-resident employees or independent contractors per Florida §559.955(3)(a); additional remote employees permitted.

Relevant county code

Seminole County Land Development Code (unincorporated areas); Fla. Stat. §500.80; Fla. Stat. §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

Seminole County (pop. ~471K, county seat Sanford, Orlando suburb) follows the Florida state preemption framework for cottage food. Florida §500.80(6) and §559.955 together create strong state preemption: FDACS guidance explicitly states 'No. The regulation of cottage food operations is preempted to the state. A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit a cottage food operation.' The county's codes-and-regulations page confirms the Land Development Code governs unincorporated Seminole County. CityRuleLookup (sourcing Seminole County Municode, verified ~1 year ago) confirms home occupation permit/business tax receipt required in addition to state rules. City-specific rules exist for Sanford, Altamonte Springs, and others — residents in incorporated areas must check their city code. The \$250,000 annual gross sales cap applies statewide. Confidence is high for the state preemption baseline; the local business tax receipt/home occupation permit requirement adds a medium-confidence local layer confirmed by CityRuleLookup.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://seminole.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0559%2FSections%2F0559.955.html

<https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/development-services/planning-development/codes-regulations>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/seminole-county-fl>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/CottageFoodOperations.pdf>

RANK 158 · FIPS 12115 · Sarasota

Sarasota County

Population 439,392 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Products must be prepackaged with required label including: name/address of operation, product name, ingredients list, net weight/volume, allergens, and statement 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' State preempts local regulation of cottage food preparation, processing, storage, and sale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; however Sarasota County home occupation rules apply to home-based businesses generally.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement for cottage food operations under Florida law.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon receipt of consumer complaint per §500.80(7). Local health department has no inspection authority over cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Sarasota County requires a local business tax receipt and/or home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. The home occupation must be secondary to residential use; no external signage; no on-site employees; limited customer visits. Note: Florida Statute §500.80(6) preempts local ordinances from restricting cottage food production/processing/storage/sale, but cottage food operations must still comply with county and municipal ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours. Venice, North Port, and Sarasota city have city-specific rules.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales from home, at farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No sales at venues that require a food permit. Cottage food products must be sold separately from regulated food businesses.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules prohibit on-site non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption); Sarasota County Code (home occupation/business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Sarasota County home occupation and business tax receipt requirements confirmed via CityRuleLookup (Municode source). State law preempts local restrictions on cottage food production/sale, but local rules on traffic/signage/noise/hours still apply. \$250,000 cap raised from \$50,000 in 2021. No permit or registration needed from state or county for cottage food. Local business tax receipt required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; county-specific business tax receipt amount/process not confirmed from .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.scgov.net>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/sarasota-county-fl>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/sarasota-county-fl>

RANK 176 · FIPS 12081 · Bradenton

Manatee County

Population 405,069 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS. Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Products must be prepackaged with required label including 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' State preempts local regulation of cottage food preparation, processing, storage, and sale. Manatee County home occupation rules apply for zoning compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon receipt of consumer complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Manatee County requires local home occupation compliance and business tax receipt for home-based businesses. State preempts local ordinances from restricting cottage food production/storage/sale (§500.80(6)), but operations must comply with county ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption); Manatee County Code (home occupation and business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Manatee County follows state baseline with no county-specific overrides found. \$250,000 cap (raised in 2021). No permit or registration needed. Local business tax receipt required. State preemption strong. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Manatee County-specific home occupation permit details not directly verified from county .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://manatee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.mymanatee.org>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 179 · FIPS 12097 · Kissimmee

Osceola County

Population 393,745 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS. Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Products must be prepackaged with required label. State preempts local regulation of cottage food. Osceola County home occupation rules apply for zoning compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon consumer complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Osceola County requires home occupation compliance and likely a local business tax receipt for home-based businesses. State preempts local restrictions on cottage food production/storage/sale, but local ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Osceola County Code (home occupation and business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Osceola County follows state baseline. No county-specific overrides found. \$250,000 cap (raised in 2021). Strong state preemption. Business tax receipt required locally. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Osceola County local rules not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://osceola.floridahealth.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 182 · FIPS 12069 · Tavares

Lake County

Population 386,829 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS. Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Products must be prepackaged with required label. State preempts local regulation of cottage food. Lake County home occupation rules apply for zoning compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon consumer complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Lake County requires home occupation compliance and local business tax receipt for home-based businesses. State preempts local restrictions on cottage food production/storage/sale, but local ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Lake County Code (home occupation and business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Lake County follows state baseline. \$250,000 cap. Strong state preemption. Business tax receipt required locally. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Lake County local rules not directly verified from .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://lake.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.lakecountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 188 · FIPS 12021 · Naples

Collier County

Population 380,221 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS. Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Required label including 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' State preempts local regulation of cottage food. Collier County home occupation rules apply for zoning compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon consumer complaint per §500.80(7).
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Collier County requires home occupation compliance and local business tax receipt for home-based businesses in residential zones. State preempts local restrictions on cottage food production/storage/sale, but local ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours still apply.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Collier County Code (home occupation and business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Collier County is a high-income county (Naples/Marco Island area). Follows state baseline. \$250,000 cap. Strong state preemption. Business tax receipt required locally. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Collier County local rules not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://collier.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 189 • FIPS 12083 • Ocala

Marion County

Population 378,225 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TCS. Annual gross sales cap \$250,000. Required label including 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' State preempts local regulation. Marion County home occupation rules apply for zoning compliance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State may inspect only upon consumer complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Marion County requires home occupation compliance and local business tax receipt for home-based businesses. State preempts local restrictions on cottage food production/storage/sale, but local ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours still apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Marion County Code (home occupation and business tax receipt provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state cottage food law is well-documented. Marion County (Ocala area, equine country) follows state baseline. \$250,000 cap. Strong state preemption. Business tax receipt required locally. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Marion County local rules not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://marion.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.marionfl.org>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 211 · FIPS 12111 · Fort Pierce

St. Lucie County

Population 334,682 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed; limited indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS may investigate on complaint; no routine inspection
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Florida does not preempt local zoning. St. Lucie County and municipalities (Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie) may have home occupation permit requirements; operator should verify with local planning department

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home, farmers markets, events; limited indirect sales to retailers allowed; online permitted

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. FL state law is very permissive with high sales cap. No St. Lucie County-specific cottage food rules found. Local municipalities likely have home occupation rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 220 · FIPS 12033 · Pensacola

Escambia County

Population 321,296 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license required

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Escambia County and City of Pensacola may have home occupation zoning requirements. FL does not preempt local zoning. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

FL state law is very permissive. Escambia County has Florida Dept of Health county office (escambia.floridahealth.gov). No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://escambia.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.myescambia.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

Leon County

Population 294,128 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — FL does not preempt local zoning. Leon County and City of Tallahassee may have home occupation requirements. Tallahassee is state capital with active planning department. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, events permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Leon County has FL Dept of Health county office (leon.floridahealth.gov). Tallahassee is FL state capital with university presence. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://leon.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.leoncountyfl.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 248 · FIPS 12001 · Gainesville

Alachua County

Population 279,729 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — FL does not preempt local zoning. Alachua County and City of Gainesville (University of Florida) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Alachua County has FL Dept of Health county office (alachua.floridahealth.gov). County includes Gainesville (UF). No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond FL state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://alachua.floridahealth.gov>

<https://alachuacounty.us>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 249 · FIPS 12109 · Saint Augustine

St. Johns County

Population 278,722 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; no registration or inspection required; \$250,000 annual sales cap; home kitchen allowed · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — FDACS may investigate on complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — FL does not preempt local zoning. St. Johns County is fast-growing Jacksonville suburb. County and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with St. Johns County planning or local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Johns County is one of Florida's fastest-growing counties. Includes Saint Augustine (oldest US city) and Ponte Vedra. Same FL state baseline. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sjcfi.us>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 311 · FIPS 12019 · Green Cove Springs

Clay County

Population 219,650 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. Annual sales cap: \$250,000. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) bars local governments from restricting cottage food operations, though business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute. Standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No water testing requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	No specific handwashing requirement stated in Florida cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-control-for-safety) foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Florida cottage food inspections may only occur upon receipt of a written complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Florida §500.80(6) preempts local government restrictions on cottage food operations. However, Clay County and its municipalities may require general home occupation or business licensing registration. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Clay County Planning or relevant municipality for home occupation permit specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida cottage food law expressly permits online sales and mail-order delivery within the state. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, and event sales all permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee cap specified in Florida cottage food statute. Home-based business zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955 (home-based business rules); Clay County zoning ordinances for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida has one of the most producer-friendly cottage food frameworks nationally: no registration, no routine inspection, \$250,000 annual cap, and strong state preemption of local restrictions. Clay County is a suburban/exurban county east of Jacksonville. No county-level cottage food restrictions documented. Clay County Florida Health (clay.floridahealth.gov) handles environmental health but cottage food operations are exempt from their permitting requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://clay.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

<https://clay.floridahealth.gov>

RANK 320 · FIPS 12091 · Crestview

Okaloosa County

Population 212,021 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. Annual sales cap: \$250,000. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) bars local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Okaloosa County is home to several military installations (Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field); county zoning applies to unincorporated areas.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No water testing requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Okaloosa County and municipalities (Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Destin, etc.) may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Okaloosa County Planning or relevant municipal planning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee cap in Florida cottage food statute. Home-based business zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955 (home-based business rules); Okaloosa County zoning for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state baseline applies. Okaloosa County (county seat: Crestview) is in the Florida Panhandle, home to Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. Florida Health Okaloosa handles environmental health but cottage food is exempt from their permitting requirements. No county-specific overrides to Florida state law documented.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

<https://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

RANK 342 · FIPS 12053 · Brooksville

Hernando County

Population 196,621 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection required. Annual sales cap: \$250,000. State preemption clause bars local restrictions. Hernando County is north of Tampa.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.

WATER SUPPLY No water testing requirement under Florida cottage food law.

HANDWASHING Standard food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — Inspections only upon written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Hernando County and municipalities (Brooksville, Spring Hill area) may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No employee cap in Florida cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955; Hernando County zoning for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state baseline applies. Hernando County (county seat: Brooksville) is north of Tampa. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Florida's cottage food framework is producer-friendly with strong state preemption.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 350 · FIPS 12015 · Punta Gorda

Charlotte County

Population 189,900 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection required. Annual sales cap: \$250,000. State preemption clause bars local restrictions. Charlotte County is on the Gulf Coast southwest of Fort Myers.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No water testing requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only upon written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Charlotte County and City of Punta Gorda may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Charlotte County Community Development or City of Punta Gorda Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee cap in Florida cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955; Charlotte County zoning for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state baseline applies. Charlotte County (county seat: Punta Gorda) is on Florida's Gulf Coast, popular retirement community. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Florida's cottage food framework is producer-friendly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 353 · FIPS 12113 · Milton

Santa Rosa County

Population 188,994 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only permitted upon receipt of a consumer complaint per §500.80(7). No routine inspections allowed.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local restrictions on cottage food operations. However, producers must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Santa Rosa County has no specific county-level cottage food overlay beyond state law. Local municipalities within the county (e.g., Milton) may have home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955 (home-based business)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida has strong state preemption preventing local restrictions on cottage food operations under §500.80(6). Santa Rosa County has no verified county-level cottage food ordinance beyond state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. The \$250,000 annual sales cap is among the highest in the nation (raised in 2021). No registration, permit, or inspection required before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 367 · FIPS 12005 · Panama City

Bay County

Population 181,055 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. Strong state preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local government restrictions on cottage food operations. Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of a consumer complaint per §500.80(7). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local restrictions. However, producers must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Bay County has no verified county-level cottage food overlay beyond state law. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct sales from home and farmers markets allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida state preemption is strong and well-established. Bay County is the location of Panama City and Panama City Beach; no county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state law. County URLs were blank in input. Same as other Florida pattern counties.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 410 · FIPS 12061 · Vero Beach

Indian River County

Population 160,986 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler certification required. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Annual sales cap of \$250,000. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — While state law preempts local health restrictions, Indian River County may require compliance with home-based business rules under Florida §559.955. A local business tax receipt may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted. No geographic restriction within Florida. No wholesale to food establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Indian River County Code (home occupation/business zoning); Fla. Stat. §500.80

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Florida has strong preemption of local restrictions on cottage food. No Indian River County-specific cottage food code identified. \$250,000 annual cap applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 416 · FIPS 12085 · Stuart

Martin County

Population 159,399 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler certification required. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Annual sales cap of \$250,000. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — State law preempts local health restrictions, but Martin County may require compliance with home-based business rules under Florida §559.955. A local business tax receipt may be required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted. No geographic restriction within Florida. No wholesale to food establishments.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Martin County Code (home occupation/business zoning); Fla. Stat. §500.80

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Florida has strong preemption of local restrictions on cottage food. No Martin County-specific cottage food code identified. \$250,000 annual cap applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

Citrus County

Population 155,173 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler certification required. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Annual sales cap of \$250,000. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Florida cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Citrus County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones (per CityRuleLookup, sourced from Citrus County Code of Ordinances via Municode, verified March 2026). A local business tax receipt and/or home occupation permit may be required. Business must be secondary to residential use. No external signage, no on-site employees, limited customer visits per county zoning. Retail walk-ins prohibited. Florida state preemption applies to cottage food-specific health restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted under state law. Customer pickup at home limited by county home occupation rules. Retail walk-ins prohibited by county zoning.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically none on-site for home occupations per Citrus County zoning rules.

Relevant county code

Citrus County Code of Ordinances (home occupation provisions); Fla. Stat. §500.80

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county with county-level zoning data found. Citrus County Code of Ordinances (via Municode) confirms home occupation rules: home occupation permit required, business tax receipt required, no on-site employees, limited customer traffic, no retail walk-ins, external signage prohibited. State cottage food law preempts health restrictions. County health and planning URLs verified from input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://citrus.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.citruscounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.citruscounty.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/citrus-county-fl>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/citrus-county-fl>

<https://library.municode.com/>

RANK 482 · FIPS 12119 · Bushnell

Sumter County

Population 131,832 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Annual gross sales capped at \$250,000. No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. No food handler certification required. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen sanitation recommended.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required (good practice).

HANDWASHING Required per good food safety practices; no state mandate for cottage food.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods only. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — State law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). However, Sumter County home-based business rules under §559.955 may still apply. Sumter County is notable as home to The Villages (large retirement community). Local HOA rules within The Villages may also apply but are separate from government regulations.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct and indirect sales allowed. Sales must remain within Florida (no interstate shipping of cottage food products).

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Fla. Stat. §559.955 (home-based business rules).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (FL) confirmed: Fla. Stat. §500.80, \$250,000 cap, no registration required, strong preemption. Sumter County is unique as home of The Villages retirement community, the largest master-planned retirement community in the US. Local HOA rules may impose separate (non-governmental) restrictions within The Villages community. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 529 · FIPS 12035 · Bunnell

Flagler County

Population 117,515 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; \$250,000 annual sales cap; no registration; inspection upon complaint only; direct and limited indirect sales; strong state preemption of local restrictions · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida allows any non-TCS food from a home kitchen with no registration or permit. Inspections only upon complaint. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Flagler County follows state baseline.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory training or certification for Florida cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. TCS foods (requiring temperature control) prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Florida §500.80(7): inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Florida state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, Florida §559.955 (Home-Based Business Act) still allows counties to require home-based business compliance with general home occupation rules. Flagler County may require home occupation or home-based business registration separate from food safety regulation. Contact Flagler County Planning or flaglercounty.gov for local zoning specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida allows online sales, mail-order delivery, direct sales, and no wholesale to distributors/retailers. \$250,000 annual cap. State preemption prevents local restriction of these channels.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Fla. Stat. §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (FL tier Great). Florida's strong state preemption is a key feature. Flagler County (Palm Coast area) is a fast-growing coastal county. flaglercounty.gov is the official county URL but no cottage food-specific county pages were found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.flaglercounty.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

<https://www.flaglercounty.gov>

RANK 587 · FIPS 12055 · Sebring

Highlands County

Population 102,339 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida uses a broad non-TCS standard — any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety is allowed. Annual sales cap of \$250,000 (raised in 2021). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations, though business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally mandated.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Foods requiring temperature control for safety (meat, dairy requiring refrigeration, custard-filled pastries, raw sprouts) prohibited. No wholesale sales permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Florida state preemption (§500.80(6)) prevents local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, home-based business rules under §559.955 may still apply in Highlands County. Highlands County may have general home occupation/zoning rules applicable to the business operation aspect. No specific Highlands County cottage food restriction identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (except wholesale) permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Highlands County code section identified. State law governs: Fla. Stat. §500.80. State preemption prevents local restrictions.

RESEARCH NOTES

Highlands County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Florida's strong state preemption means local governments cannot restrict cottage food. \$250,000 cap is among the highest in the country. No county-specific restrictions found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 645 · FIPS 12089 · Fernandina Beach

Nassau County

Population 91,538 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food law (§500.80) is highly permissive: no registration, no permit, no inspection unless upon complaint. \$250,000 annual sales cap (raised 2021). Allowed: all non-TCS foods (foods that do not require temperature control for safety). Broad standard — any shelf-stable food qualifies. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)): local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Florida cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; foods that do not require temperature control for safety.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint (§500.80(7)).
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Florida §500.80(6) preempts local government restrictions on cottage food operations. Home-based business rules under §559.955 still apply for general home occupation but cottage food operations are protected from local restriction.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. No wholesale to retailers under the cottage food framework.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No limit specified under Florida cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Nassau County-specific cottage food code; state preemption applies.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Nassau County-specific cottage food rules found. Florida's state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) is among the strongest in the nation — local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations. Nassau County (Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island) is in northeast Florida near the Georgia border. The \$250,000 cap is one of the highest in the country.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 693 · FIPS 12087 · Key West

Monroe County

Population 82,044 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Florida cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required before starting. Any non-TCS food allowed. \$250,000 annual sales cap. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, the home-based business must comply with Monroe County home occupation rules under §559.955.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific statutory restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may occur only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Monroe County requires a Home Occupation Special Use Permit for residential businesses. Application fee: \$500 plus \$3 per property owner notification within 300-foot radius. The Director of Planning and Environmental Resources approves the permit. Key conditions: (1) home occupation is incidental/secondary to residential use; (2) must not change residential character; (3) max 1 non-resident employee; (4) may not exceed 20% of dwelling floor area; (5) no customer visits/retail sales requiring customers to come to the dwelling; (6) no outdoor signage; (7) no outdoor storage. The permit is not transferable.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	no
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Monroe County's home occupation permit specifically prohibits retail sales that require customers to visit the residential dwelling unit. Cottage food sales must therefore be conducted off-site (farmers markets, events, delivery to customers) or online with delivery. Customer pickup at the home is not permitted under Monroe County's home occupation standards.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee maximum per Monroe County Home Occupation Special Use Permit.

Relevant county code

Monroe County Code home occupation provisions (Home Occupation Special Use Permit requirements). Monroe County Planning & Environmental Resources administers.

RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County (Florida Keys) is notable for its restrictive home occupation rules, which effectively prohibit on-site customer pickup and require a \$500 Special Use Permit. This is more restrictive than the state's permissive cottage food law. The county's Home Occupation Special Use Permit application was directly retrieved from the Monroe County government website (.monroecounty-fl.gov), confirming: \$500 fee, 300-foot neighbor notification, 20% floor area limit, no customer visits, no retail sales, max 1 non-resident employee. The no-customer-visits provision is a significant constraint for cottage food operators. Producers must sell at farmers markets, deliver to customers, or use online sales without home pickup. Confidence is high: county-specific information obtained from official Monroe County .gov document and county website URLs confirmed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://monroe.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov>

<https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/134/Home-Occ-062023?bidId=>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 727 · FIPS 12131 · DeFuniak Springs

Walton County

Population 76,618 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. Inspections only upon complaint. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, the business must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Walton County may have local business registration requirements. No Walton County-specific cottage food restriction ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap (one of the highest in the country). No wholesale to distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955. No Walton County-specific restriction found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's cottage food law (§500.80) has a strong state preemption clause and \$250,000 annual sales cap. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection required. Walton County Health Department URL confirmed in input data. No Walton County-specific cottage food restrictions found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed, no county ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://walton.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

<https://walton.floridahealth.gov>

RANK 743 · FIPS 12107 · Palatka

Putnam County

Population 73,604 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Inspections only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations beyond home-based business rules (§559.955). No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restriction found.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; §559.955. No Putnam County FL-specific restriction found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Putnam County (Palatka) — note this is distinct from Tennessee's Putnam County (Cookeville, FIPS 47141). County health URL confirmed in input. Strong FL state preemption limits local interference. No Putnam County FL-specific cottage food restrictions found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed, no specific county ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://putnam.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

<https://putnam.floridahealth.gov>

RANK 766 · FIPS 12023 · Lake City

Columbia County

Population 69,832 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Annual sales cap \$250,000. No food handler cert required. Inspection upon complaint only. No registration required. Broad non-TCS standard - any food not requiring temperature control for safety is allowed. No wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-TCS shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Columbia County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Lake City has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted; third-party retail limited
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida Great-tier state with \$250,000 cap. Columbia County is a rural county in North Central Florida. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12003 · —

Baker County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes (Baker County local occupational license required for home-based businesses) — Baker County Tax Collector issues Occupational Licenses per Ordinance 99-17. Home occupation rules administered by Baker County Building & Zoning (904-259-2403). Definition: business from home where no commodity is produced on premises, can be sold on premises, nor displayed/warehoused. Cottage food sales (non-TCS goods produced at home) may require Board of Adjustments approval for home occupation. Contact Baker County Building & Zoning to confirm whether cottage food production qualifies and if Board approval is needed.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes; Baker County Occupational License from Tax Collector; contact (904) 259-6880

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP true

ON-SITE SIGNAGE must comply with Baker County signage ordinances; standard state preemption applies to cottage food production but traffic/parking/signage ordinances still apply

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME no state limit for sole proprietor; home occupation rules may limit to household members

Relevant county code

Baker County Ordinance 99-17 (Occupational License); Baker County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker County Tax Collector site confirmed: Occupational License required for home businesses. Home occupation definition in Baker County explicitly states 'no commodity produced on premises can be sold on premises' — this may create friction with cottage food on-site sales. Operators should confirm with Baker County Building & Zoning (904-259-2403) whether cottage food operations qualify and whether Board of Adjustments approval is needed. State preempts county from banning cottage food operations (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdBaker/>

<https://www.bakercountyfl.org/building-zoning>

<https://www.bakercountyfl.org>

<https://mybakertc.com/occupational-license>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12007 · —

Bradford County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Bradford County Building & Zoning — No Bradford County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Bradford County is a small rural county (pop. ~28,000) with county seat Starke. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval for home-based business likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food but local traffic/parking/signage/hours rules apply. Contact Bradford County Planning & Zoning to confirm.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Bradford County local business tax receipt; contact Bradford County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Bradford County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bradford County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production. Local business tax receipt and potential home occupation permit likely required. Small rural county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdBradford/>

<https://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Calhoun County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Calhoun County — No Calhoun County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Calhoun County is very small and rural (pop. ~14,000) with county seat Blountstown. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food. Contact Calhoun County.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely; Calhoun County local business tax receipt; contact Calhoun County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP true

ON-SITE SIGNAGE must comply with Calhoun County signage ordinances

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Calhoun County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural Florida Panhandle county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production. Local business tax receipt and potential home occupation permit likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdCalhoun/>

<https://www.calhouncountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.calhouncountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12027 · —

DeSoto County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with DeSoto County Building & Zoning — No DeSoto County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. DeSoto County is a small agricultural county (pop. ~37,000) with county seat Arcadia. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval for home-based food business likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; DeSoto County local business tax receipt; contact DeSoto County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with DeSoto County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No DeSoto County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Small agricultural county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production. Local business tax receipt and potential home occupation permit likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdDeSoto/>

<https://www.desotocountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.desotocountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12029 · —

Dixie County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Dixie County — No Dixie County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Very small rural county (pop. ~16,000) with county seat Cross City. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Dixie County local business tax receipt; contact Dixie County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Dixie County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Dixie County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural north-central Florida county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdDixie/>

<https://www.dixiecountyfl.com/building-zoning>

<https://www.dixiecountyfl.com>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Franklin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards

HANDWASHING no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected

FOOD STORAGE non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT likely; verify with Franklin County — No Franklin County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small coastal county (pop. ~12,000) with county seat Apalachicola. Home of Apalachicola Bay oyster country. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely; Franklin County local business tax receipt; contact Franklin County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP true

ON-SITE SIGNAGE must comply with Franklin County signage ordinances

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Franklin County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Small Florida Panhandle coastal county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdFranklin/>

<https://www.franklincountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.franklincountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Gadsden County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Gadsden County Building & Zoning — No Gadsden County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Gadsden County (pop. ~46,000), county seat Quincy. Predominantly rural/agricultural county adjacent to Tallahassee. Local business tax receipt and possible home occupation zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Gadsden County local business tax receipt; contact Gadsden County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Gadsden County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Gadsden County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGadsden/>

<https://www.gadsdencountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.gadsdencountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Gilchrist County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Gilchrist County — No Gilchrist County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Very small, rural county (pop. ~18,000) with county seat Trenton. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Gilchrist County local business tax receipt; contact Gilchrist County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Gilchrist County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Gilchrist County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural north-central Florida county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGilchrist/>

<https://www.gilchristcounty.fl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.gilchristcounty.fl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Glades County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards

HANDWASHING no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected

FOOD STORAGE non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT likely; verify with Glades County — No Glades County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Very small, rural agricultural county (pop. ~13,000) with county seat Moore Haven. One of Florida's least populous counties. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely; Glades County local business tax receipt; contact Glades County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP true

ON-SITE SIGNAGE must comply with Glades County signage ordinances

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Glades County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. One of Florida's least populous and most rural counties. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGlades/>

<https://www.gladescountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.gladescountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Gulf County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Gulf County — No Gulf County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small coastal Panhandle county (pop. ~16,000) with county seat Port Saint Joe. Still recovering from 2018 Hurricane Michael impacts. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Gulf County local business tax receipt; contact Gulf County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Gulf County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Gulf County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Small Florida Panhandle coastal county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGulf/>

<https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Hamilton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Hamilton County — No Hamilton County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small, rural north Florida county (pop. ~14,000) with county seat Jasper. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Hamilton County local business tax receipt; contact Hamilton County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Hamilton County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Hamilton County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Small, rural north Florida county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHamilton/>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com/building-zoning>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Hardee County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards

HANDWASHING no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected

FOOD STORAGE non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT likely; verify with Hardee County Building & Zoning — No Hardee County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small agricultural/citrus county (pop. ~27,000) with county seat Wauchula. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely; Hardee County local business tax receipt; contact Hardee County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP true

ON-SITE SIGNAGE must comply with Hardee County signage ordinances

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Hardee County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Small agricultural county in central Florida. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHardee/>

<https://www.hardeecounty.net/building-zoning>

<https://www.hardeecounty.net>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Hendry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED true

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN false

PET RESTRICTIONS no state or county-specific rule for cottage food

WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Hendry County — No Hendry County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small agricultural/sugar cane county (pop. ~42,000) with county seat LaBelle. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Hendry County local business tax receipt; contact Hendry County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Hendry County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Hendry County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Agricultural/sugar cane county in southwest Florida. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHendry/>

<https://www.hendryfla.net/building-zoning>

<https://www.hendryfla.net>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Holmes County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80; FL tier: Great · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	true
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	false
PET RESTRICTIONS	no state or county-specific rule for cottage food
WATER SUPPLY	no state requirement for cottage food; county may have residential water standards
HANDWASHING	no state requirement for cottage food registration; standard GMP expected
FOOD STORAGE	non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint only — state inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	likely; verify with Holmes County — No Holmes County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Very small, rural Panhandle county (pop. ~19,000) with county seat Bonifay. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	likely; Holmes County local business tax receipt; contact Holmes County Tax Collector

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	true
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	must comply with Holmes County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	no state limit; local home occupation rules may apply

RESEARCH NOTES

No Holmes County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small rural Florida Panhandle county. State baseline (Fla. Stat. §500.80) governs; county cannot restrict cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHolmes/>

<https://www.holmescountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.holmescountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

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Jackson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Jackson County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Jackson County Community Development for any applicable home occupation standards.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Jackson County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. No county-level permit or inspection required for cottage food. The \$250,000 annual cap applies statewide. No registration, license, or food handler training required at state or county level. Jackson County is a rural north Florida county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found in available sources. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://jackson.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.jacksoncountyfl.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12065 · Monticello

Jefferson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Jefferson County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Jefferson County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Jefferson County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Jefferson County is a small, rural north Florida county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found in available sources. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://jefferson.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12067 · Mayo

Lafayette County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated

WATER SUPPLY Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system

HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Lafayette County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Lafayette County for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Lafayette County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Lafayette County is one of Florida's smallest and most rural counties; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://lafayette.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12075 · Bronson

Levy County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Levy County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Levy County Planning and Zoning for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Levy County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Levy County is a rural north-central Florida county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://levy.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.levycounty.org>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12077 · Bristol

Liberty County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Liberty County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Liberty County for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Liberty County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Liberty County is Florida's least populous county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://liberty.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12079 · Madison

Madison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Madison County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Madison County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Madison County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Madison County is a small north Florida county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://madison.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.madisoncountyfl.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12093 · Okeechobee

Okeechobee County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Okeechobee County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Okeechobee County Planning and Development for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Okeechobee County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Okeechobee County is a rural south-central Florida county near Lake Okeechobee; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://okeechobee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12121 · Live Oak

Suwannee County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated

WATER SUPPLY Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system

HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Suwannee County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Suwannee County Planning and Zoning for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Suwannee County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Suwannee County is a rural north Florida county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://suwannee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.suwanneecounty.org>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12123 · Perry

Taylor County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Taylor County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Taylor County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Taylor County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Taylor County is a rural north Florida county with a timber/forestry economy; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://taylor.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.taylorcountygov.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12125 · Lake Butler

Union County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Union County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Union County for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Union County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Union County is one of Florida's smallest and most rural counties; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://union.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12129 · Crawfordville

Wakulla County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Wakulla County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Wakulla County Planning and Community Development for any applicable home occupation standards.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Wakulla County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Wakulla County is a rural coastal county south of Tallahassee; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://wakulla.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.mywakulla.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

RANK 9999 · FIPS 12133 · Chipley

Washington County

Population 0 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 (Home Sweet Home Act, 2021) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Products must be non-TCS (no time/temperature control for safety required). Production and storage must occur within the single-family domestic residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
WATER SUPPLY	Only potable water from a properly constructed on-site well or municipal water system
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Washington County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Washington County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; local zoning compliance required for traffic/parking/noise/signage/hours

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida's strong state preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) means Washington County cannot restrict cottage food operations beyond traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours rules. Washington County is a rural Florida Panhandle county; no county-specific ordinance variations were found. Defaulted to FL state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://washington.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.washingtoncountyfl.com>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

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