

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

New York

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4.

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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 New York 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 62 New York counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

yes — Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.

RESEARCH NOTES

NY's Home Processor program is technically a regulatory exemption under 1 NYCRR Part 276, authorized by N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4, not a standalone cottage food statute. It is administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments). Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. NYC may have additional local rules. The nysenate.gov statute URL returned HTTP 403; the Justia mirror and the agriculture.ny.gov department page were used as primary sources. The original input statute_url is valid but blocked to crawlers. No sales cap is stated in either the statute or the department guidance page. The exemption covers wholesale sales, which is notable compared to most states.

New York Agriculture and Markets Law Article 20-C §251-z-4 (Exemptions); implemented through 1 NYCRR Part 276 Home Processor Exemption

CITATION

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

ENACTED

unknown

LAST AMENDED

unknown

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods are approved under the Home Processor Exemption. All products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales are permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online, but only within New York State.

Prohibited foods

Prohibited items include all refrigerated or temperature-controlled-for-safety (TCS) products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vinegars, jellies made from vegetables or wine or flowers, cooked or canned fruits/vegetables, dairy products, meats, fish, poultry, beverages, cheesecakes, cream-filled pastries, buttercream/cream cheese frostings, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, freeze-dried foods, and quiche. All products must have a pathogen kill step (i.e., must be baked).

Labeling requirements

Labels must include: product common/usual name, ingredient list in descending order by weight, net quantity, processor name and full address, and all major allergens (eggs, milk, fish, shellfish, soybeans, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, sesame). A phrase such as 'Made in a Home Kitchen' (minimum 1/16-inch font) must appear on the label.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

§251-z-4. Exemptions. In addition to the exemptions specified in subdivision three of section two hundred fifty-one-z-two, the commissioner may, if he determines that the protection of the consumers of the state as a whole will not be impaired by such action, provide by regulation for exemption from licensing of small food processing establishments when he finds that such exemptions would avoid unnecessary regulation and assist in the administration of this article without impairing its purposes. Regulations defining such exemptions may classify exempted establishments with respect to the volume and types of food handled, the types of processing involved, or with respect to any other factor or combination thereof which bear a reasonable relation to the purposes of this article. Such exemptions may be conditioned upon requirements relating to sanitation, record keeping and reporting as the commissioner may require.

Source: <https://law.justia.com/codes/new-york/agm/article-20-c/251-z-4/>

Official sources

Statute <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

State dept page <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

Extension service <https://cals.cornell.edu/cornell-cooperative-extension>

Forrager.com <https://forrager.com/law/new-york/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **New York Department of Agriculture and Markets**

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 62 New York counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 8 · FIPS 36047 · Brooklyn

Kings County

Population 2,679,620 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Kings County (Brooklyn) is part of New York City, which operates under the NYC Administrative Code and is administered by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). NYC does not have its own separate cottage food law; operators use the NY State Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4). Registration is free, location-specific, and does not expire (must reapply on relocation). NYC may impose additional local business requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must submit potable water test (total coliforms); most NYC residents are on municipal water.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection under the Home Processor Exemption; state Ag & Markets may investigate complaints. NYC DOHMH may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — NYC operators should consult NYC zoning code for home-based business rules. No specific NYC cottage food home occupation permit requirement identified; however, NYC zoning regulates accessory uses in residential districts and operators should verify compliance with NYC Admin Code. State guidance advises consulting local zoning officials before starting.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales within New York State only (internet sales allowed within NY). Wholesale to local restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores is permitted within NYS. No out-of-state sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — Kings County is a NYC borough governed by NYC Administrative Code; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Kings County is Brooklyn, one of the five NYC boroughs. All NYC boroughs are governed by NYC law and administered by DOHMH, not county-level health departments. The NY State Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) is the operative cottage food framework. NYC does not have a separate cottage food ordinance. The exemption prohibits many items that other states allow including no-bake items, pickles, sauces, buttercream frostings, and requires all products to have a pathogen kill step (must be baked). The wholesale allowance to in-state retail/restaurant is a notable feature compared to most states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://www.nyc.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

RANK 11 · FIPS 36081 · Queens

Queens County

Population 2,360,826 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Queens County is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no separate NYC cottage food ordinance exists. Products must be pre-packaged at home, properly labeled, and sold within NYS only. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Most Queens residents on NYC municipal water; private well users must submit potable water test.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; state Ag & Markets or NYC DOHMH may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — NYC zoning code governs home-based business activities in residential districts. Operators should consult NYC zoning officials before commencing. No specific cottage food home occupation permit requirement identified for Queens.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail and restaurants is allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — Queens County is a NYC borough; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Same framework as other NYC boroughs (Kings, Bronx, Manhattan). The NY State Home Processor Exemption is administered by NY Ag & Markets, not the county health department. No NYC-specific cottage food ordinance found. Registration is free, location-specific, no expiration. Prohibited items list in NY is notably more restrictive than other states (must be baked goods with kill step).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/queens-county-ny>

RANK 21 · FIPS 36061 · Manhattan

New York County

Population 1,645,867 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York County (Manhattan) is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no separate NYC cottage food ordinance exists. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked), pre-packaged at home, and sold within NYS only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Municipal water supply (NYC); state baseline applies.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; state Ag & Markets or NYC DOHMH may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — NYC zoning code and NYC Administrative Code govern home-based business activities. Operators should verify with NYC zoning officials. No specific cottage food home occupation permit requirement found for Manhattan.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — Manhattan is a NYC borough; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Same framework as other NYC boroughs. NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets. No NYC-specific overlay ordinance found. Manhattan apartments may have HOA/co-op board rules that further restrict commercial food production from residential units. NY Home Processor registration is free and location-specific.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://www.nyc.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

RANK 25 · FIPS 36103 · Riverhead

Suffolk County

Population 1,524,486 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Suffolk County follows the NY State Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) administered by NY Ag & Markets. No separate county cottage food program found. Operators should consult with local zoning officials before commencing any home-based food business, as required by NY Ag & Markets guidance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must submit potable water test (total coliforms) with application. Municipal water: state baseline applies.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection under the Home Processor Exemption; NY Ag & Markets or Suffolk County Department of Health may investigate complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — NY Ag & Markets advises operators to consult with local zoning officials before commencing. Suffolk County has numerous towns and villages with their own zoning codes. No specific county-level home occupation permit requirement identified for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail and restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only. Products must be pre-packaged at home; packaging at event venue not permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Suffolk County follows state baseline. NY Home Processor registration is free, location-specific, and does not expire. Suffolk County's diverse town and village zoning codes mean operators should verify local home occupation rules. NY state prohibits many items other states allow (must be baked goods with pathogen kill step). Suffolk County has a prominent agricultural sector and farm markets are a common sales venue.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://suffolkcountyny.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 28 · FIPS 36005 · The Bronx

Bronx County

Population 1,443,229 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Bronx County is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no separate NYC cottage food ordinance exists. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked), pre-packaged at home, and sold within NYS only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Municipal water (NYC); state baseline applies.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; state Ag & Markets or NYC DOHMH may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies by city — NYC zoning code governs home-based business activities. Operators should verify with NYC zoning officials. No specific cottage food home occupation permit requirement identified for the Bronx.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — Bronx County is a NYC borough; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Same framework as other NYC boroughs (Kings, Queens, Manhattan). NY Home Processor Exemption registration is free, location-specific, no expiration. The Bronx has higher rates of residential rental housing; renters should check lease agreements for any home business restrictions. No local overlay ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://www.nyc.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

RANK 30 · FIPS 36059 · Mineola

Nassau County

Population 1,389,160 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Nassau County follows the NY State Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) administered by NY Ag & Markets. No separate Nassau County cottage food program found. Operators must consult with local zoning officials (towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead, Oyster Bay; city of Glen Cove or Long Beach) before commencing any home-based food business.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must submit potable water test (total coliforms) with application. Municipal water: state baseline applies.
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets or Nassau County Department of Health may investigate complaints.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — NY Ag & Markets advises operators to consult local zoning officials. Nassau County has several towns (Hempstead, North Hempstead, Oyster Bay) and cities (Glen Cove, Long Beach) each with their own zoning codes. No specific county-level home occupation permit for cottage food identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only. Products must be pre-packaged at home.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Nassau County follows New York state baseline. No Nassau County-specific cottage food ordinance found. NY state cottage food law is more restrictive than most states: must be baked goods with kill step, many items prohibited (no-bake, sauces, frostings, pickles, etc.). Registration is free and location-specific.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 49 · FIPS 36119 · White Plains

Westchester County

Population 997,904 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY's Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276) is administered by NY Ag & Markets, not local authorities. Production must occur in the registered home kitchen. NY Ag & Markets requires a private well water potability test (negative for total coliform/E. coli) if producer is on a private well. All products must be baked (kill step required). Consult local zoning officials before commencing home-based business per Ag & Markets guidance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county or state cottage food pet restriction found; standard food safety hygiene implied.
WATER SUPPLY	If on private well: must submit potability test results (certified lab, negative for total coliform and E. coli) with Home Processor registration application to NY Ag & Markets.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required by state food safety standards applicable to home processors.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be stored and pre-packaged in the home before sale. No on-site packaging at markets permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Home Processor exemption does not require routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets has enforcement authority but no routine inspection program for registered home processors.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Westchester County has no county-level zoning authority over home occupations — land use is entirely municipal. Westchester has 6 cities, 16 towns, and 23 villages, each with independent home occupation zoning rules. NY Ag & Markets explicitly states producers should 'consult with your local zoning officials for approval before commencing any home-based business.' Example: in Scarsdale (a Westchester municipality), home occupations without regular customer visits are permitted as-of-right with optional registration; those with regular customers require a Special Use Permit. White Plains (county seat) and other cities/towns will have their own ordinances. Residents must check with their specific municipality.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES State Home Processor Exemption allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (in-state only). Home delivery and customer pickup from residence are permitted under state law, but local municipal zoning may impose conditions (customer visit limits, signage restrictions, parking requirements).

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME State Home Processor Exemption does not address employees explicitly; local municipal home occupation rules typically restrict to residents only or limit non-resident employees to 0-1.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food or home occupation code — regulated at municipal level. See N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276.

RESEARCH NOTES

Westchester County is a high-income suburban county (pop. ~998K) north of NYC with 45 municipalities each exercising independent home-rule zoning authority. The county Planning Department confirmed that 'each of these municipalities has home rule authority on all matters relating to planning and zoning.' There is no county-level home occupation permit — each of the 45 municipalities controls this. NY's Home Processor program is administered exclusively by NY Ag & Markets (not county health departments), so cottage food food-safety rules are state-administered. The planning fragmentation means no single answer applies county-wide for home occupation permits. Scarsdale's zoning (a representative Westchester municipality) shows a typical pattern: as-of-right for no-customer-visit occupations, special use permit if customers come to the premises. The NY Ag & Markets guidance document explicitly directs home processors to consult local zoning officials. Confidence is medium because county-level data is confirmed, but per-municipality variation is not resolvable without knowing the specific municipality of residence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.westchestergov.com>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://planning.westchestercountyny.gov/land-use-development/overview>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 56 · FIPS 36029 · Buffalo

Erie County

Population 951,232 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 (Home Processor Exemption) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Home Processor Exemption is location-specific. Must use home kitchen only; products must be packaged in the home before sale. Registration with NY Ag & Markets required (free, no expiration, location-specific). Private well requires potability test with application. Consult local zoning before starting.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state rules
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must submit water potability test (negative for total coliform and E. coli) with registration application
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific state food handler training required for Home Processor Exemption
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be packaged in the home kitchen before sale; no in-person packaging at events

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Home processors are exempt from routine inspections under the Home Processor Exemption. Registration becomes null and void if non-exempt foods are sold.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — NY Ag & Markets advises consulting local zoning officials for approval before starting. Erie County municipality rules vary. City of Buffalo has its own zoning code; unincorporated Erie County areas governed by county zoning. No state-level home occupation permit required but local zoning compliance is necessary.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed at farm venues, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — all within New York State only. Wholesale to local restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within NYS is permitted. No out-of-state sales or shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 (operator only; commercial employees disqualify the exemption)

Relevant county code

1 CRR-NY 276.4; Erie County municipal zoning varies

RESEARCH NOTES

Erie County Food Policy Council page confirms the NY Home Processor Exemption applies for home-based food businesses in Erie County, and explicitly advises consulting local municipality zoning. NY Ag & Markets page confirms wholesale is permitted (to restaurants, cafes, grocery stores within NYS) — unusual compared to most states. Registration is free and does not expire. Erie County Environmental Health Office of Environmental Health handles foodborne illness investigations. No food handler training required under NY Home Processor Exemption.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www3.erie.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www3.erie.gov/fpc/regulations-and-policies-operating-food-related-businesses>

RANK 85 · FIPS 36055 · Rochester

Monroe County

Population 756,406 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 (Home Processor Exemption) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Home Processor Exemption applies. Location-specific registration (free, no expiration). Products must be packaged in home. Private well requires potability test. Consult local zoning before starting.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must submit water potability test (negative for total coliform and E. coli)
HANDWASHING	No state food handler training required under Home Processor Exemption
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be packaged in home kitchen

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Exempt from routine inspections. Monroe County Department of Public Health may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Monroe County advises consulting local zoning officials before starting. City of Rochester has its own zoning code. Other municipalities in Monroe County have separate rules. Monroe County Department of Planning also provides zoning guidance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Farm venues, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, online — all within NYS only. Wholesale to restaurants/cafes/grocery stores within NYS permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 (operator only; commercial employees disqualify the exemption)

Relevant county code

1 CRR-NY 276.4; Monroe County/Rochester municipal zoning varies

RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County follows New York state baseline for Home Processor Exemption. Registration is free and location-specific. Rochester is the primary municipality. Monroe County Department of Public Health handles food safety oversight. No Monroe County-specific cottage food restrictions beyond state law found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health><https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning><https://www.monroecounty.gov><https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 143 · FIPS 36085 · Staten Island

Richmond County

Population 492,925 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY Home Processor program requires registration with NY Department of Agriculture & Markets. Non-TCS foods only. No sales cap. All sales venues permitted including retail, online, mail delivery. NYC (which governs all 5 boroughs including Richmond/Staten Island) has additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	Municipal water supply (Staten Island, NYC); no separate testing requirement
HANDWASHING	No specific separate provision in state home processor rules
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required under NY Home Processor program
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Richmond County (Staten Island) is a borough of New York City. NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene governs food safety within all five boroughs. NYC may have additional requirements beyond NY state Home Processor program. Contact NYC DOHMH for borough-specific requirements. NYC general home occupation rules apply through NYC Zoning Resolution.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All venues permitted: direct from home, farmers markets, retail stores, online, mail delivery, interstate. No annual sales cap. NY Home Processor registration required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4. NYC Zoning Resolution (home occupation provisions). NYC DOHMH.

RESEARCH NOTES

Richmond County is Staten Island, a borough of New York City. NY state Home Processor program allows broad food types, all venues, no sales cap, registration required with NY Dept. of Agriculture & Markets. NYC DOHMH has additional authority over food businesses in all boroughs. NYC-specific home occupation rules and DOHMH requirements for home-based food production not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://www.nyc.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

RANK 149 · FIPS 36067 · Syracuse

Onondaga County

Population 472,637 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY's Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276) administered by NY Ag & Markets, not county health. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged in the home before any sale. If producer is on a private well, potability test (total coliform/E. coli negative) required at registration. Consult local municipal zoning officials before commencing business per NY Ag & Markets guidance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county or state cottage food pet restriction found; standard food safety hygiene implied.
WATER SUPPLY	If on private well: potability test (negative for total coliform and E. coli from certified lab) required with Home Processor registration application to NY Ag & Markets.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards for home processors.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be stored and pre-packaged in the home before sale. No on-site packaging at markets permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets has enforcement authority over registered home processors but no routine inspection program. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Onondaga County itself does not administer home occupation permits for most of the county — land use is primarily municipal. Onondaga County has the City of Syracuse plus towns and villages each with independent zoning authority. CityRuleLookup (verified 1 year ago, source: Onondaga County Code) notes 'Some Restrictions' on home business zoning at the county level for unincorporated areas, and city-specific rules exist for Syracuse, Clay, Cicero, and Manlius. The City of Syracuse requires a home occupation permit with a 25% floor area limit and maximum 1-2 non-resident employees, no walk-in retail customers. Residents in unincorporated Onondaga County should consult the Onondaga County Code (Municode: library.municode.com/ny/onondaga_county). NY Ag & Markets explicitly states producers should 'consult with your local zoning officials for approval before commencing any home-based business.'
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State Home Processor Exemption allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (in-state only). Home delivery and customer pickup from residence are permitted under state law, but local municipal zoning may restrict customer visits, signage, and parking. Syracuse city code limits retail/walk-in customers for home occupations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State exemption does not specify; Syracuse home occupation rules allow 1-2 non-resident employees maximum. Unincorporated area rules vary by town/village.

Relevant county code

Onondaga County Code (Municode: library.municode.com/ny/onondaga_county); Syracuse Municipal Code home occupation provisions; N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276

RESEARCH NOTES

Onondaga County (pop. ~473K, county seat Syracuse) mirrors Westchester in that NY's Home Processor Exemption is state-administered (NY Ag & Markets), not county-administered. Local zoning authority for home occupations rests with each municipality. CityRuleLookup (sourcing Onondaga County Code, verified ~1 year ago) shows 'Some Restrictions' at the county level and notes city-specific rules for Clay, Cicero, Syracuse, and Manlius — each has separate cottage food/home occupation rules. Syracuse city home occupation requires a permit with 25% floor area limit and 1-2 max non-resident employees and no walk-in retail customers. Onondaga County code (Municode) governs unincorporated areas. No county-specific cottage food guidance was found beyond the state baseline. The zoneomics.com result returned a result for Onondaga City (a separate small city in Oswego County, NY — not Onondaga County), which was excluded as irrelevant. Confidence is medium because the state-level program is well-documented, but county/municipal zoning variation requires jurisdiction-specific lookup.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/onondaga-county-ny>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/onondaga-county-ny>

https://library.municode.com/ny/onondaga_county

RANK 177 · FIPS 36071 · Goshen

Orange County

Population 401,237 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED conditional — New York Home Processor program (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets (location-specific, does not expire). Only baked products (must have pathogen kill step - must be baked). No-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, frostings/fillings, dairy, meat, fish, poultry prohibited. All products must be pre-packaged and labeled. Sales within New York State only. Wholesale sales permitted (unusual for NY). Orange County does not have a county-level food administration; local municipal zoning rules apply.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state restriction in the home processor exemption.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for home processor exemption.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable baked goods only. No TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Orange County municipalities (Newburgh, Middletown, Port Jervis, Goshen, Warwick, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Orange County does not administer food or zoning permits. Operators should verify home occupation requirements with local municipality. New York City has additional local rules (not applicable to Orange County).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets; home delivery; online (within New York State only). Wholesale also permitted under NY Home Processor program.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state home processor exemption.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276 (state home processor exemption); local Orange County municipal zoning codes vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

New York Home Processor exemption confirmed from state baseline. Free registration required; location-specific. All products must be baked (kill step required) — very restrictive compared to most states. No wholesale restriction (unusual). Orange County has no county-level food administration. Municipal zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Orange County local rules not directly researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 209 · FIPS 36087 · New City

Rockland County

Population 337,326 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; registration required with NY Dept of Ag & Markets; no sales cap; direct and indirect sales; baked goods focus ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Registration with NY Dept of Agriculture & Markets required; only shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves; no TCS foods; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facility required
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — NY state does not preempt local zoning. Rockland County municipalities may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should check with local village/town zoning board
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. NY requires state registration. Rockland County is densely suburban NY; local municipalities likely have home occupation rules. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 223 · FIPS 36001 · Albany

Albany County

Population 315,041 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; registration required with NY Dept of Ag & Markets; no sales cap; baked goods and low-risk foods · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facility required
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — NY state does not preempt local zoning. Albany County and City of Albany may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local city/town zoning board
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Albany County contains Albany (state capital). NY state registration required. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 232 · FIPS 36027 · Poughkeepsie

Dutchess County

Population 296,467 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; registration with NY Dept of Ag & Markets required; no sales cap; direct and indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State registration required; shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves only; no TCS foods; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facility required
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — NY state does not preempt local zoning. Dutchess County municipalities (Poughkeepsie, Beacon, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local town/city zoning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. Same NY state baseline. Dutchess County is Hudson Valley region. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 285 · FIPS 36091 · Ballston Spa

Saratoga County

Population 236,328 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings with cream cheese, no TCS products. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets (location-specific, does not expire). Pre-packaged in home, labeled. Sales within NY State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets complaint-based
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Saratoga County is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. Local municipalities (Saratoga Springs, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Saratoga County does not have county-wide zoning for all areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online — within NY State only. Wholesale sales to retailers permitted (unusual for NY).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; Saratoga County/municipal zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Saratoga County NY is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. New York's Home Processor Exemption allows only baked goods and certain preserves (all products must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Free registration with NY Ag & Markets. No Saratoga County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Saratoga County .gov source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 295 · FIPS 36065 · Utica

Oneida County

Population 231,055 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Only baked goods (must have pathogen kill step — must be baked) and certain jams/jellies/preserves. No TCS products, no unbaked items, no cream/cream cheese frostings. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets. Sales within NY State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state rules; sanitary kitchen required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Oneida County is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. Municipalities (Utica, Rome, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Oneida County has its own zoning in unincorporated areas. Check with Oneida County Planning Department.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, online — within NY State only. Wholesale to retailers permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state rules

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; Oneida County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Oneida County NY is listed as 'pattern' with no county URLs. NY Home Processor Exemption allows baked goods and certain preserves. All products must be baked. No Oneida County-specific ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 319 · FIPS 36063 · Lockport

Niagara County

Population 212,230 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption allows non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams, jellies, preserves, and snack mixes. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Registration with NY Ag & Markets required (free, location-specific, does not expire). No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction stated in NY Home Processor Exemption. Standard GMP food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for NY Home Processor Exemption.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing and GMP practices required. No specific statutory requirement beyond general food safety.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in the home; all products must be shelf-stable and labeled. Non-potentially hazardous products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection for NY Home Processor Exemption. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Niagara County and municipalities (Lockport, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, etc.) may require home occupation permits for business operations from a residence. Contact Niagara County Planning Department or relevant municipal zoning office. New York does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation requirements for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	NY Home Processor Exemption allows direct sales from home, online (within New York only), farmers markets, farm stands, craft fairs, and delivery within New York. Wholesale sales also permitted under NY framework (unusual nationally). No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in NY Home Processor Exemption. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; Niagara County zoning ordinances (contact Planning for home occupation details)

RESEARCH NOTES

New York state baseline applies. Niagara County (county seat: Lockport) is in western New York near Niagara Falls. NY Home Processor Exemption is a state-level program administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments). Registration is free and location-specific. No sales cap. New York's exemption allows wholesale, which is unusual nationally. Products must have a pathogen kill step (baking), which excludes no-bake items.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.niagaracounty.gov/health>

<https://www.niagaracounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.niagaracounty.gov>

RANK 338 · FIPS 36007 · Binghamton

Broome County

Population 198,365 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes allowed. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Sales within New York State only. Registration with NY Ag & Markets required (free, location-specific). No sales cap.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restriction in NY Home Processor Exemption.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for NY Home Processor Exemption.
HANDWASHING	Standard GMP practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement beyond general food safety.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged shelf-stable products only; all non-PHF. Standard GMP storage.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Broome County and City of Binghamton may require home occupation permits for home-based food businesses. Contact Broome County Planning Department or City of Binghamton Planning. New York does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	NY Home Processor Exemption allows direct sales from home, farmers markets, farm stands, craft fairs, online delivery within New York, and wholesale sales (notable). No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in NY Home Processor Exemption. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; Broome County zoning ordinances (contact Planning for home occupation)

RESEARCH NOTES

New York state baseline applies. Broome County (county seat: Binghamton) is in the Southern Tier of New York. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. NY Home Processor Exemption is administered at state level by NY Ag & Markets.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 364 · FIPS 36111 · Kingston

Ulster County

Population 182,153 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Free registration required with NY Ag & Markets (no expiration, location-specific). No sales cap. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No no-bake items. No pickles, relishes, sauces, frostings with cream cheese or buttercream, or refrigerated items.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods; no refrigerated products allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Ulster County zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. State Home Processor program does not require a local permit, but local zoning restrictions may apply. Kingston (county seat) and other municipalities have their own zoning rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — within New York State only. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified; household operation implied.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; no specific Ulster County code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor program is administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments), which is notable. Free registration, no sales cap, wholesale allowed (rare among states). All products must be baked — no-bake items (chocolates, fudge, candy) are prohibited. Ulster County URLs were blank in input. NYC may have additional local rules. No county-level override found for Ulster County.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 411 · FIPS 36083 · Troy

Rensselaer County

Population 160,943 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — New York Home Processor Exemption requires registration with NYSDAM. Products must be shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked — a pathogen kill step required), certain jams, jellies, preserves, and snack mixes. No sales cap. Sales only within New York State. No online sales out-of-state. Products must be pre-packaged and labeled.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific NY state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under NY Home Processor Exemption.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; no refrigerated or TCS products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by NYSDAM.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Rensselaer County and the City of Troy may require home occupation permits under local zoning. 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	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (within NY State only). No wholesale or out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Rensselaer County Zoning; N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. NY Home Processor Exemption requires all products to be baked (kill step). No Rensselaer County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 415 · FIPS 36093 · Schenectady

Schenectady County

Population 159,447 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — New York Home Processor Exemption requires registration with NYSDAM. Products must be shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked — pathogen kill step required), certain jams, jellies, preserves, and snack mixes. No sales cap. Sales only within New York State. No online sales out-of-state. Products must be pre-packaged and labeled.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific NY state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under NY Home Processor Exemption.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; no refrigerated or TCS products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by NYSDAM.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Schenectady County and the City of Schenectady may require home occupation permits under local zoning. 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	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (within NY State only). No wholesale or out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Schenectady County Zoning; N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. NY Home Processor Exemption requires all products to be baked (kill step). No Schenectady County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 500 · FIPS 36013 · Mayville

Chautauqua County

Population 127,440 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (not local health departments). Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked). No no-bake items, pickles, sauces, salsas, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, freeze-dried foods, or cheesecakes.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable baked goods and certain jams/jellies/preserves/snack mixes only. Pre-packaged in the home. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint. No routine inspections.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Chautauqua County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. Town of Mayville and other municipalities (Jamestown, Dunkirk) have separate home occupation ordinances. NY Home Processor Exemption is administered by the state (NY Ag & Markets), not local health departments, which distinguishes it from most states. Local zoning/home occupation permits may still be required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online — but only within New York State. Wholesale sales allowed (unlike most states).

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY Part 276.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (NY) confirmed: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4, free registration, location-specific, baked goods must have kill step. Chautauqua County is in far western New York near the PA border (Jamestown, Chautauqua Institution). No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. NY Home Processor Exemption is notable for allowing wholesale sales and having no sales cap. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 525 · FIPS 36075 · Oswego

Oswego County

Population 118,037 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; no sales cap; free registration (location-specific); no inspection; baked goods only (must have kill step); indirect sales allowed; NY only · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (must be baked - kill step required). All products must be shelf-stable. Registration free and location-specific, does not expire. Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification under NY Home Processor program.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No refrigerated products. No no-bake items, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY does not require routine inspections for home processor operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No specific Oswego County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. NY Home Processor registration is the primary regulatory requirement. Oswego County and local municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Oswego County Planning or local town/village zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale sales allowed under NY Home Processor (unusual nationally).

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (NY tier Good). NY Home Processor program requires baked goods only with kill step and free location-specific registration. Oswego County is on Lake Ontario. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 531 · FIPS 36045 · Watertown

Jefferson County

Population 117,445 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; no sales cap; free registration (location-specific); no inspection; baked goods only (must have kill step); indirect sales allowed; NY only · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (kill step/baking required). Registration free and location-specific. Sales within New York State only.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required; no specific county overlay.

HANDWASHING Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.

FOOD STORAGE Shelf-stable baked goods only. No no-bake items, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No specific Jefferson County home occupation permit requirements found. NY Home Processor registration is the primary requirement. Local municipality zoning may require home occupation permits. Jefferson County includes Fort Drum (US Army post). Contact Jefferson County Planning or Watertown city zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale also allowed under NY Home Processor.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (NY tier Good). Jefferson County includes Fort Drum and Watertown in northern NY near Canadian border. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 539 · FIPS 36069 · Canandaigua

Ontario County

Population 112,288 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4; no sales cap; free registration (location-specific); no inspection; baked goods only (must have kill step); indirect sales allowed; NY only · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (kill step required). Registration free and location-specific. Ontario County is in Finger Lakes wine country.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No refrigerated products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No specific Ontario County home occupation permit requirements found. NY Home Processor registration is the primary requirement. Contact Ontario County Planning or local town/village zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale allowed under NY Home Processor.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (NY tier Good). Ontario County is in the Finger Lakes region. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 559 · FIPS 36089 · Canton

St. Lawrence County

Population 108,670 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — no no-bake items), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales within New York State only. If private well, a water potability test is required with the registration application.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well water requires a potability test (Total Coliform and E. coli) from a certified lab submitted with the registration application.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be non-potentially hazardous and pre-packaged in the home. Prohibited: refrigerated or TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vinegars, dairy products, meats, fish, poultry, beverages, cheesecakes, cream-filled pastries, buttercream/cream cheese frostings, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, freeze-dried foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets administers the program; registration is location-specific and free.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — NY State recommends consulting local zoning officials before commencing any home-based business. St. Lawrence County municipalities (Canton, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Massena) may have home occupation requirements. No specific St. Lawrence County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within New York State only. Wholesale to local facilities (restaurants, cafes, grocery stores) within NYS also permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific St. Lawrence County code section identified. State law governs: 1 CRR-NY 276.4.

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Lawrence County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. NY Home Processor Exemption is notable for allowing wholesale to local facilities within NYS. No sales cap. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 586 · FIPS 36109 · Ithaca

Tompkins County

Population 102,555 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — all products must have a pathogen kill step), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales within New York State only. If private well, a water potability test required with registration application.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	NY state recommends consulting local zoning officials before starting. Tompkins County Environmental Health administers local food program permits.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well requires Total Coliform and E. coli test from a certified lab submitted with the registration application.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF only. Pre-packaged in home required. Prohibited: refrigerated/TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vinegars, dairy products, meats, fish, poultry, beverages, cheesecakes, cream-filled pastries, buttercream/cream cheese frostings, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, freeze-dried foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets administers the Home Processor Exemption. Tompkins County Environmental Health (607-274-6688) handles local food program permits for licensed establishments.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Tompkins County municipalities may have home occupation requirements. NY State recommends consulting local zoning officials before commencing any home-based business. The City of Ithaca and surrounding towns (Lansing, Dryden, etc.) each have their own zoning. Tompkins County Environmental Health handles food permits for licensed establishments; Home Processor Exemption (no license) does not trigger their permitting.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within NYS only. Wholesale to local facilities (restaurants, cafes, grocery stores) within NYS also permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Tompkins County code section identified. State law governs: 1 CRR-NY 276.4. Tompkins County Environmental Health: (607) 274-6688.

RESEARCH NOTES

Tompkins County was flagged as 'verified-large' with county_govt_url. Tompkins County Environmental Health Division page retrieved directly from tompkinscountyny.gov — confirms they administer food program permits and inspections for licensed establishments. Home Processor Exemption (state-level, free, no expiry) does not require local health department involvement unless producers also hold a separate food service establishment permit. Ithaca is a college town (Cornell University, Ithaca College) with an active local food economy. Confidence high due to county government source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh>

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh>

RANK 612 · FIPS 36079 · Carmel

Putnam County

Population 97,942 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption allows non-PHF, shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked, i.e., have a pathogen kill step). Jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods approved. No sales cap. Registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under New York Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement stated.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement for home processors.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in the home; labeled; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection for NY Home Processor Exemption; NY Ag & Markets administers.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Putnam County municipalities (Town of Carmel, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Putnam County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check local town zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Wholesale sales permitted — notable compared to most states.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified for NY Home Processor Exemption.

Relevant county code

No Putnam County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Putnam County-specific cottage food rules found. New York's Home Processor Exemption is unusual in that all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required); no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, etc. are prohibited. Registration administered by NY Department of Agriculture and Markets, not county health. Putnam County is in the lower Hudson Valley; no county-level cottage food overlay identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 634 · FIPS 36101 · Bath

Steuben County

Population 93,584 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, certain jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes. No sales cap. Free registration (location-specific). Sales within New York State only. Prohibited: no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, cream-filled pastries, cheesecakes.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement stated.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged in home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Steuben County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Steuben County-specific cottage food permit identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Steuben County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Steuben County-specific cottage food rules found. Steuben County is in the Southern Tier of New York (wine country region). NY Home Processor baked-goods-only restriction is unique nationally. Steuben County Health Department handles local food safety but NY Home Processor Exemption is administered by state Ag & Markets.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 647 · FIPS 36117 · Lyons

Wayne County

Population 91,324 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: all products must be baked (pathogen kill step). Allowed: non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods, certain jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes. No sales cap. Free registration, location-specific. Sales within New York State only. Prohibited: no-bake items, pickles, sauces, nut butters, fudge, cream-filled pastries.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged at home; non-PHF shelf-stable only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; administered by NY Ag & Markets.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Wayne County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Wayne County is primarily agricultural (Lake Ontario shoreline); no county-specific cottage food permit identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, online within New York State. Wholesale permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified.

Relevant county code

No Wayne County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Wayne County-specific cottage food rules found. Wayne County is in the Finger Lakes/Lake Ontario region of New York, primarily agricultural. NY Home Processor Exemption baked-goods-only restriction is unique nationally; administered by state Ag & Markets.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 679 · FIPS 36015 · Elmira

Chemung County

Population 83,584 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — New York Home Processor Exemption: only baked goods and some jams/jellies/preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked). No-bake items, pickles, salsas, dairy, meats, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee, buttercream frostings are all prohibited. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets required (no expiration but location-specific). Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement for home processors.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets administers program; may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Chemung County and the City of Elmira may have home occupation requirements. No specific Chemung County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Chemung County Planning or City of Elmira zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online permitted within New York State only. Wholesale sales are technically permitted under the exemption.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Chemung County-specific cottage food code identified. N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4 and 1 CRR-NY 276.4 govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Chemung County (Elmira) follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. NY restricts to baked goods with a kill step; no-bake items are prohibited. Free registration with NY Ag & Markets required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from NY Ag & Markets official source; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 704 · FIPS 36019 · Plattsburgh

Clinton County

Population 79,839 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Home kitchen must be the location of food production. All products must be non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods (must have a pathogen kill step — all products must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged. Sales only within New York State.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated in state Home Processor rules, but standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification mandated at state level for the Home Processor Exemption.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Clinton County and the City of Plattsburgh may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Wholesale sales are permitted (notable for NY).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in the Home Processor Exemption. Registration is location-specific and individual.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

New York's Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276 / N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4) requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets, no expiration but location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). No Clinton County-specific cottage food rules found. State law regulates; local zoning may apply. No county URLs provided in input or found in research. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance found).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 714 · FIPS 36105 · Monticello

Sullivan County

Population 78,725 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must have a pathogen kill step — must be baked). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification mandated at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required for the Home Processor Exemption. Sullivan County may have local zoning requirements. No Sullivan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Sullivan County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sullivan County follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Registration is free, location-specific, and does not expire. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step). Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 723 · FIPS 36009 · Little Valley

Cattaraugus County

Population 77,000 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (all must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged in the home and labeled. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.

HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Cattaraugus County may have local zoning requirements. No Cattaraugus County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Cattaraugus County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cattaraugus County follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step). No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

RANK 730 · FIPS 36011 · Auburn

Cayuga County

Population 76,171 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged and labeled. Sales only within New York State.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Proper sanitary practices required. No specific food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Cayuga County may have local zoning requirements. County health department URL confirmed in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State. Wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Cayuga County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cayuga County follows New York's Home Processor Exemption. County government and health URLs confirmed in input data. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. All products must be baked. Confidence: medium (state law verified, county health URL confirmed but no specific cottage food ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cayugacounty.gov/health>

<https://www.cayugacounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.cayugacounty.gov/health>

RANK 781 · FIPS 36053 · Wampsville

Madison County

Population 68,020 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No kitchen inspection required. Registration required with NY Dept of Agriculture and Markets. Indirect sales allowed (farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, online, home delivery). Only in-state sales. Non-PHF shelf-stable baked goods and approved products only; all products must be pre-packaged and labeled.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged products; appropriate shelf-stable storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Madison County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. Town of Wampsville has its own zoning. 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 Home delivery and online sales within New York State allowed; sales at farm stands, markets, fairs, flea markets permitted

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

New York Good-tier state. All products must be baked goods or approved categories. Registration with NYDAM required. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 810 · FIPS 36113 · Queensbury

Warren County

Population 65,684 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Home Processor Exemption requires free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be pre-packaged and labeled in the home. Only baked (heat-processed) products allowed; no-bake items, pickles, salsas, dairy, meat, or frostings with cream cheese are prohibited.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state prohibition; home kitchen standards apply

WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; must be baked (heat kill step required)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Warren County is in the Adirondack region. Local zoning varies by town/village. No specific Warren County cottage food home occupation permit identified. Contact Warren County Planning at (518) 761-6410 or relevant town zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Warren County Planning or relevant town for zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption is free, no expiration, location-specific registration. All products must be baked (heat kill step). No sales cap. Warren County seat per FIPS data is Queensbury (unincorporated — actual county seat is Lake George per some sources). No county-specific cottage food restrictions found. Input had no county URLs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 849 · FIPS 36051 · Geneseo

Livingston County

Population 61,980 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Free NY Ag & Markets registration (location-specific). All products must be baked (heat-processed kill step required). Pre-packaged and labeled in the home. No-bake items, pickles, dairy, meat, cream cheese frostings, quiche prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Pre-packaged shelf-stable baked goods only; all must be baked with heat kill step

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; NY Ag & Markets may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Livingston County is in the Finger Lakes region. Geneseo is home to SUNY Geneseo. Local town or village zoning may apply. Contact Livingston County Planning at (585) 243-7550.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within New York State only. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Livingston County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Livingston County in Finger Lakes region. NY Home Processor Exemption: free registration, baked goods only (heat kill step), within NY State only. No sales cap. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 854 · FIPS 36021 · Hudson

Columbia County

Population 61,469 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shelf-stable, non-TCS only. Sales within NY State only. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction stated in NY Home Processor rules; standard food safety hygiene applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection for NY Home Processor registrants; complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Columbia County and individual towns/villages may have home occupation provisions in their zoning codes. Operators should verify with the Columbia County Planning Department or their town's zoning office.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State. Wholesale permitted, which is notable.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state rules.

Relevant county code

Columbia County zoning (home occupation provisions per individual town/village codes); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Columbia County. State baseline (NY Home Processor Exemption under 1 NYCRR Part 276 / N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4) applies. Key NY restriction: all products must be baked (no no-bake items). Registration is free and location-specific. Columbia County zoning is administered at the town/village level.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 855 · FIPS 36115 · Fort Edward

Washington County

Population 61,310 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shelf-stable, non-TCS only. Sales within NY State only. No sales cap.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction stated in NY Home Processor rules; standard food safety hygiene applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection for NY Home Processor registrants; complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Washington County and individual towns/villages may have home occupation provisions in their zoning codes. Operators should verify with their local town or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State. Wholesale permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules.

Relevant county code

Washington County zoning (home occupation provisions per individual town/village codes); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Washington County, NY. State baseline (NY Home Processor Exemption under 1 NYCRR Part 276 / N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4) applies. Key NY restriction: all products must be baked. Registration is free and location-specific. Washington County zoning administered at town/village level.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 864 · FIPS 36043 · Herkimer

Herkimer County

Population 60,293 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shelf-stable, non-TCS only. Sales within NY State only. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Herkimer County and individual towns/villages have zoning authority. Operators should verify with their local town or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, online within NY State. Wholesale permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules.

Relevant county code

Herkimer County and local town/village zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Herkimer County. State baseline (NY Home Processor Exemption) applies. All products must be baked — a distinguishing NY restriction. Registration is free and location-specific. Herkimer County is a rural Mohawk Valley county; local zoning at town/village level.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 870 · FIPS 36077 · Cooperstown

Otsego County

Population 59,678 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shelf-stable, non-TCS only. Sales within NY State only. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Otsego County and individual towns/villages have zoning authority. Operators should verify with their local town or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State. Wholesale permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules.

Relevant county code

Otsego County and local town/village zoning; no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Otsego County. State baseline (NY Home Processor Exemption) applies. All products must be baked. Registration is free and location-specific. Otsego County is a rural upstate NY county including the Cooperstown area.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 889 · FIPS 36037 · Batavia

Genesee County

Population 58,204 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shelf-stable, non-TCS only. Sales within NY State only. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in NY Home Processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Genesee County and individual towns/villages have zoning authority. Operators should verify with their local town or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State. Wholesale permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules.

Relevant county code

Genesee County and local town/village zoning; no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Genesee County. State baseline (NY Home Processor Exemption) applies. All products must be baked. Registration is free and location-specific. Genesee County is in western NY (Batavia area).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

RANK 940 · FIPS 36035 · Johnstown

Fulton County

Population 53,280 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods (must be baked), specific jams/jellies/preserves, snack mixes, and similar low-risk foods. All products must have a pathogen kill step (baking). No refrigerated or TCS products. Registration with NY Ag & Markets (free, location-specific, no expiration). Sales within New York State only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific NY or Fulton County restriction identified.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products only. No refrigerated items, no no-bake items. All products must be pre-packaged in the home.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — NY Ag & Markets may investigate on complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — NY Home Processor Exemption registration required (free, from NY Ag & Markets, location-specific). No routine county or local permit identified for Fulton County specifically. Fulton County is a rural Adirondacks-adjacent county. Contact Fulton County government in Johnstown for local zoning/home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within NY State only. Wholesale/indirect sales also permitted (notable among states).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in NY rules.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; no Fulton County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Fulton County is a rural county in the Adirondack foothills, historically known for glove-making. No county-specific cottage food rules found. NY's Home Processor Exemption is free and does not expire but is location-specific. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Wholesale/indirect sales permitted which is unusual nationally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 992 · FIPS 36057 · Fonda

Montgomery County

Population 49,624 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — All products must be baked (must have a pathogen kill step). Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable baked goods only. Products must be pre-packaged and labeled in the home. No sales outside New York State. Registration required (free, no expiration, location-specific).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state home processor rules.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state home processor rules.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific requirement beyond GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable, and pre-packaged.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Registration free and does not expire but is location-specific.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Montgomery County and its towns (Fonda, Amsterdam, Canajoharie, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements for home-based food businesses. Recommend verifying with Montgomery County Planning and the relevant municipality.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within New York State only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state home processor rules.

Relevant county code

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 NYCRR Part 276; Montgomery County municipal zoning codes

RESEARCH NOTES

New York's Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR Part 276) requires all products to be baked (kill step mandatory). Wholesale sales allowed (unusual among states). Registration is free and does not expire. Montgomery County is in the Mohawk Valley region of upstate New York. No county-specific cottage food rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36003 · Belmont

Allegany County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption is administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Allegany County: 1530 Jefferson Rd, Rochester NY 14623). NY Ag & Markets explicitly states producers should consult local zoning officials before commencing any home-based business; local ordinances are NOT preempted. Allegany County is a rural Southern Tier county; no evidence of county-specific restrictions beyond the state framework found. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36017 · Norwich

Chenango County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets. Chenango County is a rural Southern Tier county; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36023 · Cortland

Cortland County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets. Cortland County is a Central NY county including SUNY Cortland; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36025 · Delhi

Delaware County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Albany office serves Delaware County). Delaware County is a rural Catskill-region county with active agricultural community; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36031 · Elizabethtown

Essex County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (North Country office serves Essex County). Essex County is an Adirondack region county; Lake Placid area has active farmers markets and tourist economy. No county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36033 · Malone

Franklin County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (North Country office serves Franklin County). Franklin County is a rural Adirondack/North Country county bordering Canada; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36039 · Catskill

Greene County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Albany office serves Greene County). Greene County is a Catskill Mountains county with tourism and second-home industry; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36041 · Lake Pleasant

Hamilton County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (North Country office serves Hamilton County). Hamilton County is the least-populous county in New York State and is entirely within the Adirondack Park; nearly all land is Forest Preserve or conserved. Very limited commercial zoning. No county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning (where it exists in this largely unzoned county) is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36049 · Lowville

Lewis County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (North Country office serves Lewis County). Lewis County is a rural North Country dairy farming county; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36073 · Albion

Orleans County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Orleans County). Orleans County is a fruit-belt agricultural county along Lake Ontario; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36095 · Schoharie

Schoharie County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Albany office serves Schoharie County). Schoharie County is a rural agricultural county in the Catskill foothills; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36097 · Watkins Glen

Schuyler County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Schuyler County). Schuyler County is a Finger Lakes wine-country county with Watkins Glen State Park; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36099 · Waterloo

Seneca County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Seneca County). Seneca County is a Finger Lakes county with wine and tourism industry; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36107 · Owego

Tioga County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets. Tioga County is a rural Southern Tier county bordering Pennsylvania; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36121 · Warsaw

Wyoming County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Wyoming County). Wyoming County is a rural Western NY agricultural county; no county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 36123 · Penn Yan

Yates County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

NY Home Processor Exemption administered by NY Ag & Markets (Rochester office serves Yates County). Yates County is a Finger Lakes wine-country county on Keuka Lake; active agricultural community with wineries and farm stands. No county-specific cottage food restrictions beyond the state framework found. Local zoning in individual towns/villages is not preempted by the state program. Home Processor registration is free and does not expire but is location-specific. Medium confidence because local zoning varies at the town level in NY.

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