

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hancock County, Ohio?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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OHIO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Ohio permits PDF](#)[Ohio cottage food law page](#)[Ohio Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Hancock County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Hancock County, Ohio. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Ohio permits PDF →

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Ohio cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Ohio registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.

Ohio permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/ohio

Ohio Department of Agriculture: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Statute: [O.R.C. §3715.023](#); [§3715.025](#); Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No state-level registration required. Hancock County OH (distinct from Hancock County IN, rank 701) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Hancock County OH-specific cottage food ordinance found.

Health

No. No routine inspection. ODA may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

ODA cottage food is not a food-service license. Ohio cottage food may be sold to licensed food-service operations. Baking in a commissary means that kitchen's food-service or food-establishment license applies. Local health departments license food service.

Official source: [Ohio food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.hancockcounty.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.hancockcounty.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Hancock County and nearby places

Regulation	Hancock County	Seneca County	Allen County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	No specific OH state or Seneca County restriction.	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Home Bakery license pathway available for those wanting broader...	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales to retailers also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04) includes non-PHF bakery products, candy, flavored honey, fruit butters, granola/ granol...	Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), f...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Approved non-PHF products only. No reduced oxygen packaging. Cannot be sold outside Ohio.	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No fresh-fruit-dipped candies. No reduced oxygen packa...
POPULATION	75,072	55,062	102,087

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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