

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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 Lucas County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lucas 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

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

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 →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf>

Ohio cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/ohio/lucas-county>

Lucas County cottage food law page →

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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

Conditional. Toledo Municipal Zoning Code §1105.0400 governs home occupations within city limits. For unincorporated Lucas County areas, county zoning applies. Home occupations must be secondary to residential use. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning, so operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality (Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon, etc.).

Health

No. No routine inspection required under Ohio cottage food law. TLCHD does not recognize foods prepared in home kitchens for mobile/licensed food establishments.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Cottage food may be sold directly or indirectly (Ohio allows some indirect sales). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Sales at farmers markets, from home, online permitted.

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://co.lucas.oh.us>

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://co.lucas.oh.us>

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

<https://cdn.toledo.oh.gov/uploads/documents/Plan-Commission/TMZC/TMZC-2024-01-17.pdf>

Lucas County and nearby places

Regulation	Lucas County	Wood County	Fulton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Cottage food may be sold directly or indirectly (Ohio allows some indirect sales). Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Sales at farmers m...	Direct and indirect sales within Ohio permitted. Online sales within Ohio allowed. No out-of-state sales.	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit from the state. Only state-appro...	No registration required. Products must be from Ohio's approved cottage food product list (OAC 901:3-20-04). Products cannot be sold outsid...	Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only from ODA-approved product list. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Ohio approved product list only. Non-potentially hazardous; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.
POPULATION	430,014	131,564	42,602

More pages for this place

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

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

Ohio cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/ohio

Lucas County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/ohio/lucas-county