

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Summit 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 Summit County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Summit 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

Conditional

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 →

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

Permit page for this place →

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Summit 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. Ohio state cottage food law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Summit County and City of Akron may have home occupation permit requirements. Operators should contact Summit County Planning/Zoning or City of Akron Planning Department to determine if a home occupation permit is required for cottage food production from a residential property.

Health

Conditional. Cottage Food: no inspection required. Ohio Home Bakery License: kitchen inspection required before license issued. ODA may sample food products to check for misbranding/adulteration.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and restaurants within Ohio. No interstate sales permitted. No annual sales cap.

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.summitoh.net>

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.summitoh.net>

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

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

Summit County and nearby places

Regulation	Summit County	Stark County	Medina County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction	No specific state restriction.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and res...	Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires sep...	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foo...	No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at primary residence; standard home kitchen storage	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.
POPULATION	539,361	374,199	182,347

More pages for this place

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

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