

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Tennessee

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act).

STATUTE

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act)

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COUNTIES COVERED

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Executive summary

This report covers the Tennessee 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 95 Tennessee counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

no

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

yes — The Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Public Chapter 862, effective July 1, 2022) broadly exempts production and sale of non-TCS homemade food items from all licensing, permitting, inspecting, packaging, and labeling laws. Sales may be direct to consumer in person or remotely. Local government ordinances restricting homemade food sales are preempted. Note: Prior to the 2022 Food Freedom Act, the older domestic kitchen regulations (TDA Chapter 0080-4-11) required a permit, inspection, and food safety certification, and limited sales to 100 units/week; the Food Freedom Act supersedes these requirements for qualifying non-TCS homemade foods.

RESEARCH NOTES

The input batch cited Tenn. Code §53-8-117, which was the old domestic kitchen statute (repealed by 2017 Tenn. Acts, ch. 150, §5). The current operative cottage food law is the Tennessee Food Freedom Act, enacted as Public Chapter No. 862 (SB 693/HB 813), effective July 1, 2022. The text was obtained directly from the Tennessee Secretary of State's published acts (publications.tnsosfiles.com). The statute codified as §53-1-125 (new section added to Title 53, Ch. 1, Part 1). The Act broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production and sales, removing all prior licensing, permit, inspection, and labeling requirements except for DOH foodborne illness investigations. No sales cap; no registration required. This is one of the more permissive cottage food frameworks in the country, which explains the 'Good' tier despite the B- grade reflecting remaining restrictions vs. the most permissive states.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53 – Food, Drugs and Cosmetics, Chapter 1 – General Provisions, Part 1, Section 53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, Public Chapter No. 862, SB 693)

CITATION

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act)

ENACTED

2022

LAST AMENDED

2022

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Any non-time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS) homemade food item produced at the producer's private residence is allowed, including baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, dried herbs, non-TCS beverages, and more. No prescribed list of allowed foods – the broad exemption covers all non-TCS homemade foods.

Prohibited foods

Foods that require time or temperature control for safety (TCS foods) to prevent pathogenic microorganism growth are not covered by the Food Freedom Act exemption. Meat, poultry, fish, dairy products requiring refrigeration, and other TCS foods require standard food establishment licensing.

Labeling requirements

Under the Tennessee Food Freedom Act, homemade food items are exempt from state packaging and labeling laws (except during DOH foodborne illness investigation). No specific labeling requirements are imposed by the statute. Best practice is to include product name, ingredients, and producer contact information.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE: SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Food Freedom Act." ... SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section: (a) Notwithstanding part 2 of this chapter, or another law to the contrary, except as provided in this section, the production and sale of homemade food items under this chapter are exempt from all licensing, permitting, inspecting, packaging, and labeling laws of this state, except when the department of health is investigating a reported foodborne illness. (b) The exemption under subsection (a) only applies if the following conditions are satisfied: Non-time/temperature control for safety food homemade food items must be sold either by: The producer to the consumer in person or remotely... county, municipal, and other political jurisdictions [may not restrict] production and sale of homemade food items.

Source: <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

Official sources

Statute <https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

State dept page <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

Extension service <https://extension.tennessee.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: [Tennessee Department of Agriculture](#)

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 95 Tennessee counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 59 · FIPS 47157 · Memphis

Shelby County

Population 926,440 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State baseline applies: any non-TCS homemade food produced at producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements under state law. Memphis/Shelby County may have local health department guidance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state Food Freedom Act
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline: potable water implied; no specific state requirement
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement under Food Freedom Act
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirements under Food Freedom Act

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State DOH may investigate suspected foodborne illness or immediate public health threat. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Memphis and Shelby County have separate governments (consolidated to some extent). Check with the Shelby County Land Use Control Board and City of Memphis Division of Planning and Development for home occupation permit requirements. State law does not preempt local zoning for home-based businesses generally.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Tennessee Food Freedom Act: no restrictions on sales venues or methods for non-TCS foods. Direct-to-consumer at home, farmers markets, events, online, delivery all permitted. No wholesale or retail restrictions stated (2022 law broadly deregulated).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; Shelby County/Memphis zoning code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee's 2022 Food Freedom Act broadly deregulated non-TCS homemade food production — no license, permit, inspection, labeling, or sales venue restrictions at the state level. Shelby County (Memphis) follows state baseline. No Shelby County-specific cottage food ordinance found restricting or modifying state law. The Memphis/Shelby County consolidated government structure means both city and county zoning may apply depending on location. Home occupation permits for the business aspect (separate from food safety regulation) likely required under local zoning — this varies by jurisdiction within the county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.shelbycountyttn.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 94 · FIPS 47037 · Nashville

Davidson County

Population 709,786 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State baseline: any non-TCS homemade food from private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements at state level. Davidson County/Nashville Metro consolidated government may have local business requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified under Food Freedom Act
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water implied; no specific state requirement
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement under Food Freedom Act
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — State DOH may investigate suspected foodborne illness or immediate public health threat only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Nashville/Davidson Metro is a consolidated city-county government. Contact Metropolitan Nashville Planning Department and the Metro Codes & Building Safety Department for home occupation requirements. Nashville has a home occupation permit process (Metro Code §17.16.030 or similar zoning provisions).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Tennessee Food Freedom Act: no restrictions on sales venues or methods for non-TCS foods. Direct-to-consumer, online, delivery, events, farmers markets all permitted. County seat blank in input — Nashville is the county seat.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; Nashville Metro Code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Davidson County/Nashville Metro follows Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline. State broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. Nashville is Tennessee's capital and largest city. No Davidson County-specific cottage food ordinance restricting state law found. Nashville Metro likely has home occupation permit requirements as a business matter (separate from food safety). County seat blank in input data.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/health>

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/planning>

<https://www.nashville.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 146 · FIPS 47093 · Knoxville

Knox County

Population 481,406 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only (do not require temperature control for safety). No registration required. No inspection required. Food may be sold directly to consumers, at farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, and online within Tennessee.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction in Tennessee Food Freedom Act
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection required under Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Knox County Home Occupation Permit required per Knox County Zoning Section 4.90. Application through Knox County Department of Code Administration (return to Knox County Code Administration, Knoxville TN 37902). Requirements: (A) Only household members may be engaged; (B) max 25% floor area; (C) no change to exterior appearance, no outdoor storage except vehicles; (D) no accessory building; (E) sales only of products produced on premises; (F) no excessive traffic or parking; (G) no detectable off-premises noise/vibration/glare/odors; (H) no electrical interference off premises. Permitted home occupations include: 'H. Cooking and preserving.' Signs: only allowed in RA, RB, PR zones at 2 sq ft maximum nameplate.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers within Tennessee: home, farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online with in-state shipping. No annual sales cap. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Knox County Zoning Section 4.90: only household members residing on premises may be engaged

Relevant county code

Knox County Zoning Ordinance Section 4.90 (Home Occupations). State: Tenn. Code §53-1-125.

RESEARCH NOTES

Knox County Home Occupation Permit PDF retrieved directly from [knoxcounty.org](https://www.knoxcounty.org). Section 4.90 explicitly lists 'H. Cooking and preserving' as a permitted home occupation. Only household members may work; 25% floor area limit; no exterior storage; no sales except products produced on premises; no excessive traffic. Sign: 2 sq ft nameplate in RA/RB/PR zones. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) retrieved from [tn.gov](https://www.tn.gov). No state registration, inspection, or cap required. All venues permitted. Confidence high: both official Knox County and state TN sources retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.knoxcounty.org>

https://www.knoxcounty.org/codes/pdfs/construction_info/home_occupation.pdf

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

RANK 195 · FIPS 47065 · Chattanooga

Hamilton County

Population 367,193 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) allows any non-TCS homemade food from private residence without permit, registration, or inspection. No sales cap. Online sales and shipping within Tennessee permitted. Farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, and events all allowed. No prescribed approved foods list — all non-TCS foods permitted. Labels must disclose homemade nature and contact info.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products only. No foods requiring time/temperature control for safety.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection required or permitted under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Hamilton County requires a county business license from County Clerk for businesses grossing over \$3,000 annually. Standard business license for gross receipts over \$10,000. Contact Hamilton County Clerk for business license. If opening food establishment, health department contact required, but cottage food is exempt. Chattanooga and other incorporated cities may have separate zoning home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All sales channels allowed within Tennessee: direct-to-consumer, farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online with in-state shipping. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act); Hamilton County Business License requirements (Tennessee Business Tax Act, TCA 67-4-712).

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee Food Freedom Act confirmed from official TN.gov source. Hamilton County business license requirement confirmed from official hamiltontn.gov starting business page. Tennessee Food Freedom Act is one of the most permissive — no registration, no permit, no inspection, no sales cap, no approved foods list. Business grossing over \$3,000 needs county business license. TN DOA contact for questions: NewFood.Business@tn.gov or 615-837-5193. Confidence high: both state law and county business license requirement confirmed from .gov sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hamiltontn.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://www.hamiltontn.gov/StartingBusiness.aspx>

RANK 208 · FIPS 47149 · Murfreesboro

Rutherford County

Population 343,727 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act); no registration, no inspection, no sales cap; home kitchen allowed; direct and indirect sales · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Non-TCS foods only; label required; no state permit or inspection; produced at producer's private residence

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

WATER SUPPLY Potable water at residence

HANDWASHING Standard handwashing practices

FOOD STORAGE Sanitary storage at residence

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection; complaint possible

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Tennessee does not preempt local zoning. Rutherford County and City of Murfreesboro may have home occupation permit requirements; operator should check with Rutherford County Planning or 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 allowed; farmers markets, events, online, retail stores all permitted

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

TN Food Freedom Act is permissive. No Rutherford County-specific cottage food restrictions found. Fast-growing county near Nashville; local municipalities may have home business zoning rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://rutherfordcountyttn.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 275 · FIPS 47187 · Franklin

Williamson County

Population 248,897 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — All non-TCS homemade food products allowed with no license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements from state (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022). Williamson County requires home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Franklin, Brentwood, and Spring Hill have city-specific rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; no state inspection requirement
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; no refrigerated finished products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or labeling requirements from TDA; DOH may investigate foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Williamson County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones. Home occupation permit required. Business must be secondary to residential use. Cities of Franklin, Brentwood, and Spring Hill have their own rules that may differ from county rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All sales channels allowed under TN Food Freedom Act: farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online orders, and in-state shipping. Direct to consumer within Tennessee.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; home occupation permit conditions apply

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; Williamson County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation)

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) is one of the most permissive frameworks — no state requirements for non-TCS foods. Williamson County is wealthy suburban Nashville county. CityRuleLookup confirms home occupation permit required at county level. County website (williamsoncounty-tn.gov) is confirmed .gov URL. No county-specific cottage food ordinance text found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed and county .gov URL confirmed but no specific cottage food ordinance retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/165/Licenses-Permits>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/williamson-county-tn>

RANK 309 · FIPS 47125 · Clarksville

Montgomery County

Population 222,305 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. No license, permit, inspection, registration, or labeling requirements except for standard DOH foodborne illness investigation authority. No sales cap. Producers may sell any non-TCS food from their private residence.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit pet restrictions under Tennessee Food Freedom Act for cottage food operations.

WATER SUPPLY No water testing requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

HANDWASHING No specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food under the Food Freedom Act.

FOOD STORAGE No specific statutory food storage requirement under the Food Freedom Act for non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Tennessee DOH may investigate for foodborne illness complaints. No routine inspections or pre-sale inspections required under Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Tennessee preempts local government restrictions on cottage food under the Food Freedom Act. However, Montgomery County and City of Clarksville may have general home occupation zoning requirements for business operations from residences that may apply to higher-volume or visible operations. Contact Montgomery County Planning or Clarksville Planning Department for current home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Tennessee Food Freedom Act imposes no restrictions on sales channels. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, online, and event sales all permitted for non-TCS foods. No sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restrictions in Tennessee Food Freedom Act. Home occupation zoning may apply restrictions on non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act); Montgomery County/City of Clarksville zoning ordinances (contact for home occupation details)

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) is one of the most permissive frameworks nationally: no registration, no inspection, no labeling, no sales cap for non-TCS foods. Montgomery County (county seat: Clarksville) has large military population (Fort Campbell). No county-specific URLs provided. No county-level overrides found. State law preempts most local restrictions on cottage food. General home occupation zoning may still apply for business registration/licensing purposes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

RANK 341 · FIPS 47165 · Gallatin

Sumner County

Population 196,845 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. No license, permit, inspection, registration, or labeling requirements. No sales cap. Sumner County is a growing suburban county north of Nashville.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit pet restrictions under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	No water testing requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement for non-TCS foods under Food Freedom Act.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Tennessee DOH may investigate for foodborne illness complaints. No routine inspections under Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Tennessee Food Freedom Act preempts local government restrictions on cottage food. Sumner County and City of Gallatin may have general home occupation zoning requirements for business registration. Contact Sumner County Planning Commission (sumnercountyttn.gov) or relevant municipal planning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Tennessee Food Freedom Act imposes no restrictions on sales channels for non-TCS foods. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, online, and events all permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No employee restrictions in Tennessee Food Freedom Act. Home occupation zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act); Sumner County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee state baseline applies. Sumner County (county seat: Gallatin) is a fast-growing suburban county north of Nashville in the Nashville metro area. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) is one of the most permissive frameworks nationally. No county-specific URLs or overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sumnercountyttn.gov>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 418 · FIPS 47163 · Blountville

Sullivan County

Population 158,722 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (eff. July 1, 2022) broadly allows all non-TCS homemade foods from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements except DOH foodborne illness investigations. No sales cap. No registration required. Sales permitted anywhere in Tennessee (and possibly beyond).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

HANDWASHING No specific state requirement; good manufacturing practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods only; proper storage practices recommended.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — TDA may investigate for foodborne illness. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Sullivan County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. State law does not require any permit for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed anywhere — direct, online, retail, wholesale, restaurant sales all permitted under the Food Freedom Act for non-TCS foods. No geographic restriction within Tennessee.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Sullivan County Zoning Ordinance; Tenn. Code §53-1-125

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) is one of the more permissive cottage food laws. No Sullivan County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

RANK 445 · FIPS 47189 · Lebanon

Wilson County

Population 149,096 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (eff. July 1, 2022) broadly allows all non-TCS homemade foods from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements except DOH foodborne illness investigations. No sales cap. No registration required. Sales permitted anywhere in Tennessee.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; good manufacturing practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage practices recommended.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — TDA may investigate for foodborne illness. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Wilson County may have home occupation zoning requirements. 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 allowed anywhere — direct, online, retail, wholesale, restaurant sales all permitted under the Food Freedom Act for non-TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Wilson County Zoning Ordinance; Tenn. Code §53-1-125

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) is one of the more permissive cottage food laws. No Wilson County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

RANK 472 · FIPS 47009 · Maryville

Blount County

Population 135,951 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production and sales. No licensing, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements (except DOH may investigate foodborne illness). Virtually all non-TCS homemade foods are allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required (good practice).
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices; no state-mandated inspections.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — TN DOH may investigate only in connection with foodborne illness outbreak; no routine inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Blount County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas (near Knoxville metro area/Smoky Mountains). City of Maryville and Alcoa have separate ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified. Local home occupation rules may apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events, online, retail stores, and restaurants. No geographic restrictions within Tennessee. The Food Freedom Act broadly allows all direct and indirect sales of non-TCS homemade foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Not identified for Blount County; state law (Tenn. Code §53-1-125) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TN) confirmed: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, 2022). Blount County is adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; county follows state baseline. No county-specific URLs provided or found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 479 · FIPS 47179 · Jonesborough

Washington County

Population 133,282 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production and sales. No licensing, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements except DOH may investigate foodborne illness. All non-TCS homemade foods allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state statute.

WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required (good practice).
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — TN DOH may investigate only in connection with foodborne illness outbreak.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Washington County (TN) zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. The town of Jonesborough (historic first town in Tennessee) and nearby Johnson City (which straddles county boundaries) have their own ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events, online, retail, and restaurants. Broad allowance under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Not identified for Washington County, TN; state law (Tenn. Code §53-1-125) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TN) confirmed: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act). Washington County TN govt URL confirmed. Washington County TN is in the Tri-Cities region (Johnson City/Kingsport/Bristol). County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.washingtoncountyttn.org>

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://www.washingtoncountyttn.org>

RANK 557 · FIPS 47011 · Cleveland

Bradley County

Population 108,859 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (eff. July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements (except DOH foodborne illness investigations). Any non-TCS food produced at a private residence is allowed. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally required under the Food Freedom Act.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. TCS foods (requiring time/temperature control for safety) are not covered and require standard food establishment licensing.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. DOH may investigate for foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Bradley County and the City of Cleveland may have home occupation zoning requirements. Tennessee state law preempts local regulation of cottage food under the Food Freedom Act, but local home occupation/zoning rules may still apply for business operation. No specific Bradley County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All sales channels permitted for non-TCS foods: direct-to-consumer, online, wholesale, retail, delivery. No sales cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Bradley County code section identified. State law governs: Tenn. Code §53-1-125.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bradley County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (2022) is one of the most permissive frameworks in the country — no registration, no cap, no inspection, broad food types. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 590 · FIPS 47119 · Columbia

Maury County

Population 102,002 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (eff. July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements (except DOH foodborne illness investigations). Any non-TCS food produced at a private residence is allowed. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. TCS foods (requiring time/temperature control) are not covered by the Food Freedom Act.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspections. DOH may investigate for foodborne illness.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Maury County and the City of Columbia may have home occupation zoning requirements. Tennessee state law (Food Freedom Act) preempts local regulation of cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules may apply for business operation. No specific Maury County cottage food ordinance identified.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All sales channels permitted for non-TCS foods: direct-to-consumer, online, wholesale, retail, delivery. No sales cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Maury County code section identified. State law governs: Tenn. Code §53-1-125.

RESEARCH NOTES

Maury County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Maury County is a rapidly growing Nashville exurban county. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 606 · FIPS 47113 · Jackson

Madison County

Population 98,644 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production and sales. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required. Allowed: all non-TCS homemade foods including baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, dried herbs, non-TCS beverages. Prohibited: TCS foods requiring time/temperature control for safety.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction for Tennessee cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS homemade foods only; store to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate foodborne illness complaints but has no general inspection authority over cottage food under §53-1-125.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Madison County and the City of Jackson may have local home occupation zoning requirements. Tennessee state law does not preempt local zoning for home-based businesses; operators should verify with Madison County Planning or Jackson 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 allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act. Online sales, home pickup, farmers markets, and events all permitted. No express prohibition on retail/wholesale for non-TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

No Madison County-specific cottage food code section identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Madison County-specific cottage food rules found. Tennessee's Food Freedom Act is one of the most permissive in the country. The old §53-8-117 domestic kitchen statute was repealed in 2017; current law is §53-1-125 enacted 2022. No sales cap, no registration. City of Jackson (county seat) may have business license requirements. Operators should check local zoning for home occupation standards.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

RANK 609 · FIPS 47155 · Sevierville

Sevier County

Population 98,455 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required. Sevier County is a major tourism destination (Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge nearby) which may increase cottage food market opportunities; no additional state restrictions apply based on tourism status.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS homemade foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DOH may investigate foodborne illness complaints only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Sevier County zoning and City of Sevierville may have home occupation requirements. Operators in Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, or other tourism-focused municipalities should verify local business license requirements given active tourism economy.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct and indirect sales allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act. Farmers markets, online sales, home pickup, and events all permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No limit specified in Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

No Sevier County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sevier County-specific cottage food rules found. Tennessee Food Freedom Act is highly permissive. Sevier County's tourism industry (Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Dollywood area) creates a robust farmers market and direct-to-consumer market. Local business license requirements in tourist municipalities may differ from unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

Putnam County

Population 80,157 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, effective July 1, 2022; 2025 amendment expands to include certain TCS foods) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced at a private residence. Non-TCS foods allowed without license or permit. As of 2025 amendment, most TCS foods also allowed but must be sold in-person or by an agent of the producer directly to the consumer. Cannot use commercial kitchen, restaurant, church kitchen, or community kitchen.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law. Good sanitary practices expected.
WATER SUPPLY	Residential potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Good sanitary practices recommended; not explicitly mandated in the Food Freedom Act for non-TCS foods.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified beyond general good food safety practices. TCS foods must be handled with appropriate temperature controls.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Tennessee DOH or TDA may investigate upon complaint of foodborne illness or food safety concern. No routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — The Tennessee Food Freedom Act removes state-level licensing and permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances may apply. Putnam County does not appear to have a specific cottage food ordinance overriding state law. Verify with Putnam County and the City of Cookeville for any home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Products may be sold at farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online with in-state shipping, and from the producer's home. TCS foods must be sold in person or by an agent; no third-party online platforms for TCS foods. Sales within Tennessee only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No employee restriction specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) was significantly expanded in 2025 to include most TCS foods. The Act removes state-level licensing/permit/inspection requirements for cottage foods. No Putnam County-specific overrides found. State law preempts local interference with allowable sales channels. Local zoning may require home occupation compliance. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://utia.tennessee.edu/publications/wp-content/uploads/sites/269/2023/10/PB1909.pdf>

RANK 718 · FIPS 47001 · Clinton

Anderson County

Population 77,337 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, effective July 1, 2022; 2025 amendment expands to include certain TCS foods) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Must be produced at a private residence. Non-TCS foods allowed without license or permit. 2025 amendment allows most TCS foods, but must be sold in-person or by producer's agent directly to consumer. Cannot use commercial kitchen, restaurant, church kitchen, or community kitchen.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state law. Good sanitary practices expected.

WATER SUPPLY Residential potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Good sanitary practices recommended; not explicitly mandated for non-TCS foods.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified beyond general good food safety practices. TCS foods require appropriate temperature controls.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Tennessee DOH or TDA may investigate upon complaint of foodborne illness or food safety concern.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — The Tennessee Food Freedom Act removes state-level licensing and permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances may apply. No Anderson 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 farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online with in-state shipping. TCS foods must be sold in person; no third-party platforms for TCS. Sales within Tennessee only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restriction specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Anderson County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Anderson County follows Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125), which is among the more permissive state frameworks. The 2025 amendment significantly expanded allowed foods to include most TCS items. No Anderson County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

Robertson County

Population 73,297 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, effective July 1, 2022; 2025 amendment expands to include certain TCS foods) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be produced at a private residence. Non-TCS foods allowed without license or permit. 2025 amendment allows most TCS foods but must be sold in-person or by producer's agent. Cannot use commercial kitchen.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Residential potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Good sanitary practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	TCS foods require appropriate temperature controls.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — TDA or TDH may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Tennessee Food Freedom Act removes state-level licensing and permit requirements. Local zoning may apply. No Robertson 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	Sales at farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands, events, online with in-state shipping. TCS foods in-person direct sales only. Sales within Tennessee only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restriction in state law.

Relevant county code

No Robertson County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Robertson County follows Tennessee's Food Freedom Act. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/food-safety/tennessee-food-freedom-act.html>

RANK 761 · FIPS 47059 · Greeneville

Greene County

Population 70,399 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap. No registration required. No inspection required. All non-TCS homemade foods allowed. Indirect sales allowed (farmers markets, flea markets, online, direct delivery). Proper labeling required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; foodborne illness investigation only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Greene County unincorporated areas would follow county zoning for home occupation. City of Greeneville has its own regulations. 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 Indirect sales allowed at markets, online sales permitted; delivery by producer permitted in-state

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee Good-tier state with Food Freedom Act. Very permissive - all non-TCS foods allowed, no sales cap, no registration. No county-specific sources found. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 831 · FIPS 47063 · Morristown

Hamblen County

Population 64,531 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production from a private residence. No licensing, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. All non-TCS foods permitted.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state prohibition

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required

HANDWASHING No specific state requirement under Food Freedom Act; good practice recommended

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; proper storage recommended

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; DOH may investigate foodborne illness reports
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hamblen County includes Morristown in east Tennessee. No state-level permit required. Local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Hamblen County Planning at (423) 585-4055.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. No restrictions on delivery, farmers markets, online, or retail under the Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under Food Freedom Act

Relevant county code

Contact Hamblen County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Public Chapter No. 862, eff. July 1, 2022) is one of the most permissive frameworks: no registration, no inspection, no labeling requirements except DOH illness investigations. Hamblen County is in east Tennessee near Morristown. No county-specific restrictions found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/>

RANK 853 · FIPS 47035 · Crossville

Cumberland County

Population 61,552 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cumberland County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Cumberland County Planning and Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Cumberland County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cumberland County. Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022) is one of the most permissive in the nation — no license, no inspection, no cap for non-TCS foods. County zoning for home occupation should be verified. Note: the old §53-8-117 (domestic kitchen statute) was repealed in 2017.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 859 · FIPS 47167 · Covington

Tipton County

Population 61,116 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state mandate; standard hygiene recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Tipton County and City of Covington may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should check with Tipton County Office of Planning and Development.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted under TN Food Freedom Act. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Tipton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Tipton County. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Tipton County is in the Memphis metro area; local zoning should be confirmed. The old §53-8-117 domestic kitchen statute was repealed in 2017.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 891 · FIPS 47031 · Manchester

Coffee County

Population 58,080 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state mandate; standard hygiene recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Coffee County and City of Manchester may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should check with Coffee County Codes Enforcement or Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted under TN Food Freedom Act. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Coffee County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Coffee County. Tennessee Food Freedom Act (§53-1-125) applies. Coffee County is in south-central TN; Manchester is known for Bonnaroo festival area. Local zoning should be verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>
<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 905 · FIPS 47073 · Rogersville

Hawkins County

Population 57,107 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Broad exemption for all non-TCS homemade foods produced at producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap required under TN Food Freedom Act. Must be produced by the individual in their primary residence.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TN state or Hawkins County rule; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement under TN Food Freedom Act; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS (no refrigeration required). No formal storage rules under TN Food Freedom Act.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness; no routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Tennessee Food Freedom Act preempts local licensing and permitting requirements for cottage food. No state registration required. Hawkins County may have local business license requirements for home-based businesses unrelated to food safety; contact Hawkins County Government in Rogersville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES No restrictions on sales channels under TN Food Freedom Act. Direct, online, delivery, pickup all permitted. Indirect sales (retail stores) also allowed for non-TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act); no Hawkins County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (effective July 1, 2022) is among the most permissive frameworks: no registration, no license, no inspection, no sales cap for non-TCS homemade foods. Hawkins County is a rural county in northeast Tennessee. No county-specific cottage food rules or overrides found. State preemption applies. Local business license may be separately required for general commerce, but not food safety-specific.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 909 · FIPS 47019 · Elizabethton

Carter County

Population 56,315 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Broad exemption for all non-TCS homemade foods produced at producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap under TN Food Freedom Act.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TN state or Carter County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement under TN Food Freedom Act; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS. No formal storage rules under TN Food Freedom Act.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness; no routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food-related licensing. Carter County may have general home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Carter County government in Elizabethton.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales channels. Direct, online, delivery, pickup, and indirect sales all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no Carter County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Carter County is in the Tri-Cities area of northeast Tennessee. TN Food Freedom Act is extremely permissive for non-TCS foods. No county-specific rules found. TCS foods (meat, poultry, dairy requiring refrigeration) require commercial food establishment licensing.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 919 · FIPS 47105 · Loudon

Loudon County

Population 55,507 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — All non-TCS homemade foods from producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TN state or Loudon County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food-related licensing. Loudon County (growth area near Knoxville) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Loudon County government.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No channel restrictions; direct, online, retail, delivery all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no Loudon County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Loudon County is a growing suburban county near Knoxville, TN. No county-specific cottage food rules found. TN Food Freedom Act applies. TCS foods require commercial licensing.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

Jefferson County

Population 55,017 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — All non-TCS homemade foods from producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TN state or Jefferson County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food-related licensing. Jefferson County (Dandridge, one of oldest towns in TN) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Jefferson County government.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No channel restrictions; direct, online, retail, delivery all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no Jefferson County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County is between Knoxville and the Smoky Mountains area. TN Food Freedom Act applies.
No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 927 · FIPS 47043 · Charlotte

Dickson County

Population 54,563 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — All non-TCS homemade foods from producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TN state or Dickson County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food-related licensing. Dickson County is west of Nashville. Contact Dickson County government in Charlotte for home occupation zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES No channel restrictions; direct, online, retail, delivery all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no Dickson County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Dickson County is west of Nashville in Middle Tennessee. TN Food Freedom Act applies. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 932 · FIPS 47145 · Kingston

Roane County

Population 53,777 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — All non-TCS homemade foods from producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific TN state or Roane County rule.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement.

HANDWASHING No formal requirement; recommended best practices.

FOOD STORAGE Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food licensing. Roane County (between Knoxville and Oak Ridge) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Roane County government in Kingston.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES No channel restrictions; direct, online, retail, delivery all permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no Roane County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Roane County is between Knoxville and Oak Ridge (nuclear energy heritage). TN Food Freedom Act applies. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 936 · FIPS 47107 · Athens

McMinn County

Population 53,532 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Tennessee Food Freedom Act, eff. July 1, 2022) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — All non-TCS homemade foods from producer's private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or sales cap.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific TN state or McMinn County rule.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement.

HANDWASHING No formal requirement; recommended best practices.

FOOD STORAGE Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Only DOH may investigate foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — TN Food Freedom Act preempts local food licensing. McMinn County (Athens area, southeast TN) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Contact McMinn County government in Athens.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No channel restrictions; direct, online, retail, delivery all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in TN statute.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; no McMinn County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

McMinn County (Athens) is in southeast Tennessee. TN Food Freedom Act applies. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 978 · FIPS 47003 · Shelbyville

Bedford County

Population 50,533 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any non-TCS homemade food produced at producer's private residence is allowed. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements except for DOH foodborne illness investigations. Broad exemption covering all non-TCS homemade foods.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Not explicitly required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS (not requiring temperature control for safety).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DOH may investigate foodborne illness. No registration or permit required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Bedford County cottage food ordinances found. City of Shelbyville may require business license for home-based food businesses. Recommend verifying with Bedford County and City of Shelbyville planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions specified in state law. All non-TCS homemade food sales broadly permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; Public Chapter No. 862 (SB 693/HB 813, eff. July 1, 2022)

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee's Food Freedom Act (2022) broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food production and sales — no licensing, permits, inspections, or labeling requirements. Bedford County is in middle Tennessee, known for the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 980 · FIPS 47053 · Trenton

Gibson County

Population 50,455 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Any non-TCS homemade food produced at producer's private residence is allowed. No license, permit, inspection, or labeling requirements except for DOH foodborne illness investigations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Not explicitly required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DOH may investigate foodborne illness only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Gibson County cottage food ordinances found. City of Trenton and other municipalities within Gibson County may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Gibson County and relevant municipality.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions specified in state law. All non-TCS homemade food sales broadly permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tenn. Code §53-1-125; Public Chapter No. 862 (eff. July 1, 2022)

RESEARCH NOTES

Tennessee's Food Freedom Act broadly deregulates non-TCS homemade food. Gibson County is in west Tennessee. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47005 · Camden

Benton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Benton County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Benton County Planning and Zoning in Camden.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Benton County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Benton County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Benton County is a rural county in western TN (seat: Camden). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47007 · Pikeville

Bledsoe County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Bledsoe County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Bledsoe County offices in Pikeville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Bledsoe County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Bledsoe County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Bledsoe County is a rural county on the Cumberland Plateau (seat: Pikeville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47013 · Jacksboro

Campbell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Campbell County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Campbell County offices in Jacksboro.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Campbell County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Campbell County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Campbell County is in northeastern TN (seat: Jacksboro). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>
- <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47015 · Woodbury

Cannon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cannon County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Cannon County offices in Woodbury.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Cannon County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cannon County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Cannon County is in central TN (seat: Woodbury). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>
- <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47017 · Huntingdon

Carroll County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carroll County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Carroll County offices in Huntingdon.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Carroll County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Carroll County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Carroll County is in western TN (seat: Huntingdon). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47021 · Ashland City

Cheatham County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Cheatham County is adjacent to the Nashville metro area and may have more developed zoning regulations including home occupation permits. Operators should check with Cheatham County Planning in Ashland City.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Cheatham County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cheatham County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Cheatham County is in middle TN adjacent to Nashville metro (seat: Ashland City) and may have more developed home occupation zoning. County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47023 · Henderson

Chester County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Chester County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Chester County offices in Henderson.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Chester County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Chester County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Chester County is in western TN (seat: Henderson). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47025 · —

Claiborne County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Claiborne County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Claiborne County offices (county seat is Tazewell per historical records).

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Claiborne County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Claiborne County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Claiborne County is in northeastern TN (county seat is Tazewell; input record shows blank seat). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47027 · Celina

Clay County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Clay County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Clay County offices in Celina.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Clay County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Clay County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Clay County is a small rural county in north-central TN (seat: Celina). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47029 · Newport

Cocke County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Cocke County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Cocke County offices in Newport.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Cocke County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cocke County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Cocke County is in eastern TN near the Great Smoky Mountains (seat: Newport). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47033 · Alamo

Crockett County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Crockett County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Crockett County offices in Alamo.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Crockett County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crockett County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Crockett County is in western TN (seat: Alamo). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47039 · Decaturville

Decatur County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Decatur County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Decatur County offices in Decaturville.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Decatur County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Decatur County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Decatur County is in western TN (seat: Decaturville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

DeKalb County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — DeKalb County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with DeKalb County offices in Smithville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

DeKalb County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for DeKalb County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). DeKalb County is in middle TN (seat: Smithville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47045 · Dyersburg

Dyer County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dyer County includes the city of Dyersburg which may have its own municipal zoning with home occupation permit requirements. Operators in Dyersburg should check City of Dyersburg zoning; operators in unincorporated areas should check with Dyer County offices.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Dyer County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); City of Dyersburg zoning may apply within city limits; no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dyer County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Dyer County is in western TN (seat: Dyersburg). County zoning and City of Dyersburg zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47047 · Somerville

Fayette County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Fayette County is adjacent to the Memphis metro and may have more developed zoning. Operators should check with Fayette County Planning in Somerville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Fayette County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fayette County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Fayette County is in western TN adjacent to the Memphis metro (seat: Somerville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47049 · Jamestown

Fentress County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Fentress County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Fentress County offices in Jamestown.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Fentress County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fentress County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Fentress County is on the Cumberland Plateau in north-central TN (seat: Jamestown). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47051 · Winchester

Franklin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Franklin County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Franklin County offices in Winchester.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Franklin County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Franklin County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Franklin County is in southern middle TN (seat: Winchester). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47055 · Pulaski

Giles County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Giles County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Giles County offices in Pulaski.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Giles County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Giles County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Giles County is in southern middle TN (seat: Pulaski). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47057 · Rutledge

Grainger County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Grainger County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Grainger County offices in Rutledge.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Grainger County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Grainger County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Grainger County is in northeastern TN (seat: Rutledge). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47061 · Altamont

Grundy County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Grundy County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Grundy County offices in Altamont.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Grundy County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Grundy County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Grundy County is on the Cumberland Plateau in southern TN (seat: Altamont). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47067 · Sneedville

Hancock County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hancock County is a very rural and remote county. Zoning regulations (if any) may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Hancock County offices in Sneedville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Hancock County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Hancock County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Hancock County is one of the most remote counties in TN (seat: Sneedville) and one of the least populated. County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47069 · Bolivar

Hardeman County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hardeman County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Hardeman County offices in Bolivar.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Hardeman County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Hardeman County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Hardeman County is in western TN (seat: Bolivar). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47071 · Savannah

Hardin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hardin County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Hardin County offices in Savannah.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Hardin County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Hardin County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Hardin County is in western TN along the Tennessee River (seat: Savannah). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47075 · Brownsville

Haywood County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Haywood County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Haywood County offices in Brownsville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Haywood County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Haywood County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Haywood County is in western TN (seat: Brownsville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47077 · Lexington

Henderson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Henderson County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Henderson County offices in Lexington.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Henderson County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Henderson County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Henderson County is in western TN (seat: Lexington). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47079 · Paris

Henry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Henry County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Henry County offices in Paris.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Henry County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Henry County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Henry County is in northwestern TN on the Kentucky border (seat: Paris). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47081 · Centerville

Hickman County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Hickman County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Hickman County offices in Centerville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Hickman County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Hickman County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Hickman County is in middle TN (seat: Centerville). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47083 · Erin

Houston County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Houston County is a small rural county. Zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Houston County offices in Erin.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Houston County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Houston County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Houston County is one of the smallest counties in TN (seat: Erin) on the Cumberland River. County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47085 · Waverly

Humphreys County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Humphreys County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Humphreys County offices in Waverly.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Humphreys County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Humphreys County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Humphreys County is in middle TN along the Tennessee River (seat: Waverly). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47087 · Gainesboro

Jackson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Jackson County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Jackson County offices in Gainesboro.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Jackson County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Jackson County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Jackson County is in north-central TN on the Cumberland River (seat: Gainesboro). County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47091 · Mountain City

Johnson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, effective July 1, 2022) broadly allows any non-TCS homemade food from a private residence. No license, permit, inspection, or registration required. No sales cap. No labeling requirements beyond a disclosure statement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state law; standard food safety hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard hygiene practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement; non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DOH may investigate only in connection with a foodborne illness investigation; no routine or complaint-only inspection authority for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Johnson County zoning regulations may require a home occupation permit for commercial activities at a residence. Operators should check with Johnson County offices in Mountain City.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad — direct and indirect sales permitted. Online, in-person, delivery, farmers markets, retail stores all allowed under Tennessee Food Freedom Act.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Johnson County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Johnson County, TN. Applied Tennessee Food Freedom Act state baseline (Tenn. Code §53-1-125, eff. July 1, 2022). Johnson County is in the far northeastern corner of TN (seat: Mountain City) bordering Virginia and North Carolina. County zoning for home occupation should be verified locally.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/112/pub/pc0862.pdf>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47095 · Tiptonville

Lake 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

No Lake County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125). Tennessee counties generally allow home occupations as accessory uses in residential zones and may require home occupation permits, but do not restrict cottage food sales beyond the state framework.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47097 · Ripley

Lauderdale 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

No Lauderdale County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47099 · Lawrenceburg

Lawrence 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

No Lawrence County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47101 · Hohenwald

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

No Lewis County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47103 · Fayetteville

Lincoln 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

No Lincoln County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47109 · Selmer

McNairy 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

No McNairy County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47111 · Lafayette

Macon 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

No Macon County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47115 · Jasper

Marion 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

No Marion County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47117 · Lewisburg

Marshall 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

No Marshall County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47121 · Decatur

Meigs 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

No Meigs County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47123 · Madisonville

Monroe 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

No Monroe County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47127 · Lynchburg

Moore 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

No Moore County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47129 · Wartburg

Morgan 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

No Morgan County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47131 · Union City

Obion 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

No Obion County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47133 · Livingston

Overton 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

No Overton County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47135 · Linden

Perry 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

No Perry County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47137 · Byrdstown

Pickett 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

No Pickett County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47139 · Benton

Polk 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

No Polk County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47143 · Dayton

Rhea 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

No Rhea County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47151 · Huntsville

Scott 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

No Scott County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47153 · Dunlap

Sequatchie 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

No Sequatchie County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47159 · Carthage

Smith 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

No Smith County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47161 · Dover

Stewart 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

No Stewart County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47169 · Hartsville

Trousdale 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

No Trousdale County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47171 · Erwin

Unicoi 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

No Unicoi County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47173 · Maynardville

Union 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

No Union County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47175 · Spencer

Van Buren 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

No Van Buren County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47177 · McMinnville

Warren 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

No Warren County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47181 · Waynesboro

Wayne 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

No Wayne County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47183 · Dresden

Weakley 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

No Weakley County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 47185 · Sparta

White 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

No White County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found in 1-2 searches. Defaulting to Tennessee state baseline (Food Freedom Act, Tenn. Code §53-1-125).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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