

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Virginia

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Va. Code §3.2-5130.

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Virginia 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 67 Virginia counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

tiered

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

no

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

yes

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

no — Products must be sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment. They cannot be offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments. Sales venues are limited to: private home, temporary event (no more than 14 consecutive days), or farmers market. Internet advertising is explicitly permitted but sales must remain in-person and in-state.

RESEARCH NOTES

Statute text retrieved directly from Virginia Law (law.lis.virginia.gov). The page was dated 4/1/2026 indicating current text. Two tiers apply: (1) Non-acidified cottage foods (baked goods, candy, etc.) — no stated dollar cap, but pickles/acidified vegetables are capped at \$9,000/year (subdivision 4), one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US. The all-caps label requirement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION' is a distinctive Virginia requirement. Honey is covered under a separate subdivision (5) at under 250 gallons annually. The D. subsection confirms that exempt parties are not subject to permit/inspection requirements but the Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.

Code of Virginia, Title 3.2 Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food, Chapter 51 Food and Drink, §3.2-5130 Inspections required to operate food establishment

CITATION

Va. Code §3.2-5130

ENACTED

unknown

LAST AMENDED

2026

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private homes including candies, jams, jellies (not low-acid/acidified), dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods that do not require temperature control. Pickles and acidified vegetables with equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower are allowed with a \$9,000 annual gross sales cap. Honey from own hives under 250 gallons per year is also allowed under a separate provision.

Prohibited foods

Time/temperature control foods (TCS foods) are prohibited. Pickles and acidified vegetables are subject to a \$9,000 annual cap (among the lowest in the US). Products cannot be resold, consigned, or sold into retail food establishments. The general non-acidified cottage food category has no stated dollar cap.

Labeling requirements

Label must be affixed to the principal display panel (or a sign for small packages) and must include: name of the person preparing the food, physical address, telephone number, date the food product was processed, and the all-caps statement 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' The all-caps requirement is distinctive among US cottage food laws.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

C. The provisions of subsections A and B shall not apply to: 3. Private homes where the resident processes and prepares candies, jams, and jellies not considered to be low-acid or acidified low-acid food products, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, coated and uncoated nuts, vinegars and flavored vinegars, popcorn, popcorn balls, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods if such products are (i) those that do not require time or temperature control after preparation; (ii) sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment; (iii) sold at the private home, at a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days, or at a farmers market; (iv) not offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments; and (v) affixed with a label placed on the principal display panel or, for a product in packaging not large enough to bear such a label, offered for sale with a sign displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product, the date the food product was processed, and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION." 4. Private homes where the resident processes and prepares pickles and other acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower if such products are (i) sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment; (ii) sold at the private home, at a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days, or at a farmers market; (iii) not offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments; (iv) affixed with a label placed on the principal display panel displaying the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person preparing the food product, the date the food product was processed, and the statement "NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION"; and (v) not exceeding \$9,000 in gross sales in a calendar year.

Source: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

Official sources

Statute <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

State dept page <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Extension service <https://www.fcs.ext.vt.edu/>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

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 67 Virginia counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51091 · Monterey

Highland County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Highland County may require a local business license. Contact Highland County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Highland County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Highland County is Virginia's least populated county, in the Allegheny Mountains. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.highlandcounty.org>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51093 · Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Isle of Wight County may require a local business license. Contact Isle of Wight County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Isle of Wight County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Isle of Wight County is in southeastern Virginia near Suffolk. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.isleofwightus.net>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51097 · King and Queen Court House

King and Queen County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King and Queen County may require a local business license. Contact King and Queen County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No King and Queen County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King and Queen County is a very rural Middle Peninsula county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kingandqueenco.net>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51099 · King George

King George County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King George County may require a local business license. Contact King George County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No King George County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King George County is in the Northern Neck area near Fredericksburg. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kinggeorgecounty.us>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51101 · King William

King William County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. King William County may require a local business license. Contact King William County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No King William County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

King William County is a rural Middle Peninsula county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kingwilliamcounty.us>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51103 · Lancaster

Lancaster County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lancaster County may require a local business license. Contact Lancaster County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Lancaster County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lancaster County is on Virginia's Northern Neck peninsula. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lancastercountyva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51105 · Jonesville

Lee County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lee County may require a local business license. Contact Lee County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Lee County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lee County is Virginia's westernmost county in the coalfields region. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.leecountyva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51109 · Louisa

Louisa County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Louisa County may require a local business license. Contact Louisa County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Louisa County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisa County is a growing exurban county between Richmond and Charlottesville. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.louisacounty.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51111 · Lunenburg

Lunenburg County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Lunenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Lunenburg County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Lunenburg County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lunenburg County is a rural southside Virginia county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lunenburgva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51113 · Madison

Madison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Madison County may require a local business license. Contact Madison County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Madison County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Madison County is a rural Piedmont county near the Shenandoah Valley. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.madisonco.virginia.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51115 · Mathews

Mathews County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mathews County may require a local business license. Contact Mathews County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Mathews County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mathews County is a rural Middle Peninsula coastal county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mathewscountyva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51117 · Boydton

Mecklenburg County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Mecklenburg County may require a local business license. Contact Mecklenburg County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Mecklenburg County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mecklenburg County is a rural southside Virginia county bordering NC on the Roanoke River. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mecklenburgva.com>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51119 · Saluda

Middlesex County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Middlesex County may require a local business license. Contact Middlesex County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Middlesex County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Middlesex County is a rural Middle Peninsula county on the Rappahannock River. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.middlesexcountyva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51125 · Lovingston

Nelson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nelson County may require a local business license. Contact Nelson County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Nelson County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Nelson County is a Blue Ridge foothills county near Charlottesville known for wineries and orchards. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nelsoncounty.com>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51127 · New Kent

New Kent County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. New Kent County may require a local business license. Contact New Kent County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No New Kent County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

New Kent County is a growing exurban Richmond-area county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.newkentcounty.net>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51131 · Eastville

Northampton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northampton County may require a local business license. Contact Northampton County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Northampton County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Northampton County is on the southern portion of Virginia's Eastern Shore (Delmarva Peninsula). State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.northampton.va.us>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51133 · Heathsville

Northumberland County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Northumberland County may require a local business license. Contact Northumberland County administrator for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Northumberland County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Northumberland County is on Virginia's Northern Neck peninsula. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.northumberlandva.org>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51135 · Nottoway Court House

Nottoway County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Nottoway County may require a local business license. Contact Nottoway County administrator for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Nottoway County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Nottoway County is a rural southside Virginia county. State cottage food law governs. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nottowayva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51137 · Orange

Orange County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Orange County uses a home occupation / home enterprise zoning framework. Home occupations (residential or A-zoned under 2 acres) must be conducted entirely within the home; no zoning permit is required, but a free voluntary Certification Form from the Planning & Zoning office is strongly recommended. Home enterprises (A-zoned, 2+ acres) permit use of accessory structures. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval is required before VDACS will issue a permit. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply (well) requires coliform-free water test results if pursuing the VDACS home food processing permit. Cottage food exemption has no stated water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing required per GMP; documented on VDACS home food processing application for that pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination. Pet-excluded areas required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection before operation, complaint-based thereafter. Cottage food exemption (§3.2-5130): no routine inspection; VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — No zoning permit is required for a home occupation in Orange County. The county offers a free voluntary Certification Form (strongly recommended for documentation purposes). Orange County has no business license program. Businesses must register with the Virginia Department of Taxation or IRS as applicable. For the VDACS home food processing permit pathway, written zoning approval documentation is required. The certification form is available from Orange County Planning & Zoning Services.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Home occupation rules limit retail sales to a minor part of business; on-site retail must be incidental. Up to 10 vehicle trips per day allowed. VDACS home food processing permit: statewide distribution permitted with zoning documentation.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Home occupation: no more than 1 non-family employee on-site during business hours. Home enterprise (2+ acres A-zoned): same restriction unless otherwise specified in county code.

Relevant county code

Orange County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 70-1 (definitions) and home occupation/enterprise provisions; Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Orange County VA has a distinct two-tier home business zoning system: home occupations (residential or A-zoned under 2 acres, in-home only) and home enterprises (A-zoned 2+ acres, can use accessory structures). Notably, no zoning permit is required and there is no business license program at the county level. A free voluntary certification form documents compliance. Home bakeries are explicitly listed as an example of a permitted home occupation. Retail on premises must be incidental. One non-family employee allowed on-site. Cottage food operations under Va. Code §3.2-5130 fit squarely within the home occupation framework. State baseline applies for all food rules. Medium confidence: county zoning rules confirmed from official orangecountyva.gov FAQ and document; food-specific local rules not separately codified beyond zoning.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://orangecountyva.gov/>

<https://orangecountyva.gov/>

<https://orangecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2001>

<https://orangecountyva.gov/FAQ.aspx?QID=67>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51139 · Luray

Page County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Page County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. Producers should contact Page County Planning and Zoning to confirm home occupation allowances in their zoning district. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. Cottage food exemption has no stated requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Page County zoning likely requires home occupation compliance and may require a zoning permit or approval for home-based businesses. Producers should contact Page County Planning (Luray, VA) to confirm requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval documentation is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. VDACS home food processing permit: statewide distribution with zoning documentation. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Page County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Page County-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning rules were found in searches. State baseline for Virginia applies. Page County is a rural county in the Shenandoah Valley; most rural Virginia counties follow the standard home occupation zoning framework requiring no separate business activity within residential structures beyond what is incidental. Medium confidence based on state baseline application; county-specific zoning confirmation not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pagecounty.virginia.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51141 · Stuart

Patrick County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies statewide. Patrick County is a rural southwestern Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Patrick County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. Producers should contact Patrick County Planning and Zoning (Stuart, VA) to confirm permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Patrick County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Patrick County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.patrickcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51145 · Powhatan

Powhatan County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Powhatan County has a detailed home occupation framework under Zoning Ordinance Sec. 83-438(j). Home occupations are permitted by-right (P) in all residential and agricultural zoning districts (A-20, A-10, A-C, RR, RR-5, CR, R-2, VR, VC, R-U, CHSC). Only family members residing in the dwelling may be engaged in the home occupation without a Conditional Use Permit. More intensive home-based businesses (up to 2 non-resident employees) require additional approval. Home bakeries and similar cottage food operations qualify as standard home occupations. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Powhatan County home occupations are permitted by-right in all residential and agricultural zoning districts per Sec. 83-438(j). No separate home occupation permit is required for standard operations. However, a Powhatan County business license is required. Contact the Commissioner of Revenue's Office (Andrea Ross, 804-598-5616, aross@powhatanva.gov) for business licensing. Home occupation floor area limited to 25% of dwelling; home-based business (2 non-resident employees) limited to 35% of dwelling. One sign of 1 sq ft or less, non-illuminated, mounted on dwelling wall is allowed. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Powhatan home occupation rules: no non-family employees without CUP; vehicle deliveries limited; no exterior storage. Home-based business allows up to 5 vehicles dedicated to the occupation.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Standard home occupation (Sec. 83-438(j)): no non-family employees without a Conditional Use Permit. Home-based business (Sec. 83-438(k)): up to 2 non-resident employees allowed.

Relevant county code

Powhatan County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 83-438(j) (home occupation) and Sec. 83-438(k) (home-based business); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Powhatan County home occupation framework confirmed from official powhatanva.gov document. Home occupations permitted by-right in all residential and agricultural districts. Three sub-categories: standard home occupation (family only, 25% floor area, 1 sq ft sign), home-based business (2 non-resident employees, 35% floor area, CUP if needed), and specialized categories for landscaping/trucking. A county business license is required. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: zoning rules confirmed from official source; some details on fees and exact permit process steps not fully retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.powhatanva.gov/>

<https://www.powhatanva.gov/>

<https://www.powhatanva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5614/Home-Occupation-Handout>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51147 · Farmville

Prince Edward County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince Edward County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors.

WATER SUPPLY Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.

HANDWASHING Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.

FOOD STORAGE Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Prince Edward County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Producers should contact Prince Edward County Planning and Zoning (Farmville, VA) for current requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Prince Edward County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Prince Edward County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.princeedwardcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51149 · Prince George

Prince George County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince George County has a planning and zoning department with Chapter 90 Zoning ordinance (available on MuniCode). Home occupation provisions are contained in Chapter 90. Producers should contact Prince George County Planning & Zoning (6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, VA 23875; 804-722-8678) for specific home occupation permit requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Prince George County has a Planning and Zoning Department that administers Chapter 90 Zoning. Home occupation provisions and any required permits or approvals are found in Chapter 90. Contact: planning@princegeorgecountyva.gov ; 804-722-8678; 6602 Courts Drive, First Floor, Prince George, VA 23875. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning under Chapter 90 may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Prince George County Code Chapter 90 Zoning (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince George County planning and zoning page confirmed; Chapter 90 Zoning contains home occupation provisions. Specific home occupation rules within Chapter 90 not retrieved from MuniCode. State baseline for Virginia applies for food rules. Medium confidence: county planning contact and ordinance chapter confirmed; specific home occupation permit details and fees not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/planning_and_zoning/

<https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/>

https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/planning_and_zoning/ordinances.php

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51155 · Pulaski

Pulaski County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Pulaski County has a comprehensive Unified Development Ordinance (UDO, last amended November 2024) that governs all land uses. The UDO requires a Zoning Permit for changes in use or occupancy. Home occupation provisions are contained within the UDO's use table and development standards. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county UDO Administrator is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Pulaski County UDO (November 2024) governs home occupation uses. A Zoning Permit may be required for change in use or occupancy. The UDO Administrator should be contacted for guidance on home occupation approvals. Contact Pulaski County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local UDO may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (November 2024) (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Pulaski County UDO (November 2024) confirmed from official pulaskicounty.org PDF. UDO is the comprehensive zoning and development code. A Zoning Permit is required for changes in use/occupancy. Specific home occupation section language not retrieved from full UDO, but framework confirmed. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: UDO existence and general framework confirmed; specific home occupation permit details not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pulaskicounty.org/departments/planning-zoning/>

<https://www.pulaskicounty.org/>

<https://www.pulaskicounty.org/documents/planning-zoning/ordinances/udo-nov-2024.pdf>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51157 · Washington

Rappahannock County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rappahannock County is a small, rural Piedmont county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Rappahannock County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rappahannock County Planning (Washington, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |

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| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Rappahannock County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rappahannock County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.rappahannockcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51159 · Warsaw

Richmond County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Richmond County (county seat Warsaw) is a rural Northern Neck county distinct from Richmond city (FIPS 51760). No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |

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| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Richmond County (Warsaw) likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Richmond County Planning and Zoning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Richmond County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Richmond County (Warsaw, VA Northern Neck) specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Note: This is Richmond County (FIPS 51159), a rural county on the Northern Neck, not Richmond city (FIPS 51760). State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.richmond.va.us/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51163 · —

Rockbridge County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Rockbridge County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county near Lexington and Buena Vista. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Rockbridge County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Rockbridge County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Rockbridge County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rockbridge County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. County seat field is blank in input. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.rockbridgecountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51167 · Lebanon

Russell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Russell County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Russell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Russell County Planning (Lebanon, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Russell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Russell County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.russellcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51169 · Gate City

Scott County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Scott County is a rural far southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Scott County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Scott County Planning (Gate City, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Scott County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Scott County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.scottcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51171 · Woodstock

Shenandoah County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Shenandoah County is a rural Shenandoah Valley county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Shenandoah County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Shenandoah County Planning (Woodstock, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Shenandoah County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Shenandoah County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.shenandoahcountyva.us/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51173 · Marion

Smyth County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Smyth County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Smyth County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Smyth County Planning (Marion, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Smyth County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Smyth County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.smythcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51175 · Courtland

Southampton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Southampton County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Southampton County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Southampton County Planning (Courtland, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Southampton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Southampton County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.southamptoncountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51181 · Surry

Surry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Surry County is a small, rural Tidewater county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Surry County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Surry County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Surry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Surry County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.surrycountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51183 · Sussex

Sussex County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Sussex County is a rural southside Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Sussex County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Sussex County Planning (Sussex, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Sussex County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sussex County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sussexcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51185 · Tazewell

Tazewell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Tazewell County is a rural southwest Virginia county in the coalfields region. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Tazewell County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Tazewell County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Tazewell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Tazewell County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tazewellcountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51187 · Front Royal

Warren County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Warren County is a northern Shenandoah Valley county with the county seat of Front Royal. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Warren County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Warren County Planning (Front Royal, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |

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| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Warren County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Warren County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.warrencountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51193 · Montross

Westmoreland County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Westmoreland County is a rural Northern Neck county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |

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| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Westmoreland County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Westmoreland County Planning (Montross, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Westmoreland County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Westmoreland County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.westmoreland-county.org/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51195 · Wise

Wise County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wise County is a rural far southwest Virginia county in the coalfields. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Wise County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wise County Planning for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Wise County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Wise County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wisecountyva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51197 · Wytheville

Wythe County

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Wythe County is a rural southwest Virginia county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the county is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Wythe County likely has standard Virginia home occupation zoning provisions. Contact Wythe County Planning (Wytheville, VA) for specific requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Wythe County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Wythe County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wytheva.gov/><https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml><https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51515 · —

Bedford city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection required at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

no — Bedford city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Bedford city is a small independent city in Virginia. As an independent city, it operates its own zoning and business licensing separate from Bedford County. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Bedford City Hall for any local business license requirements (\$30–\$100 typical).

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**

yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51520 · Bristol

Bristol city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — No routine inspection required at state level. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | no — Bristol city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Bristol is an independent city straddling the Virginia/Tennessee border. Virginia cottage food sales are restricted to the Virginia side and cannot be conducted as online transactions. Contact Bristol City Hall for local business license requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51530 · Buena Vista

Buena Vista city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — No routine inspection required at state level. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | no — Buena Vista city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Buena Vista is a small independent city in the Shenandoah Valley near Lexington. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally — contact Buena Vista City Hall for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51540 · Charlottesville

Charlottesville city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — No routine inspection required at state level. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | no — Charlottesville city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Charlottesville is an independent city with an active food culture and multiple farmers markets (including the City Market on Water Street). Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally; Charlottesville may require a local business license. The Charlottesville City Market is a primary sales venue for cottage food producers. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51570 · Colonial Heights

Colonial Heights city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — No routine inspection required at state level. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | no — Colonial Heights city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Colonial Heights is a small independent city adjacent to Petersburg. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Colonial Heights City Hall for local home occupation permit and business license requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51580 · Covington

Covington city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level. Local ordinances are NOT preempted — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets/temporary events (≤14 days). Online sales prohibited (advertising allowed but no e-commerce transactions). Required label: producer name, physical address, phone, processing date, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practice. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — No routine inspection required at state level. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | no — Covington city is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Covington is a small independent city in the Alleghany Highlands area. Virginia cottage food law is not preempted locally. Contact Covington City Hall for local business license requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
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| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions); local ordinances not preempted — verify local business license requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Good tier state. Allowed foods: Non-TCS shelf-stable foods including candies, jams/jellies, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, nuts, vinegars, popcorn, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods not requiring temperature control. Pickles/acidified vegetables (equilibrium pH 4.6 or lower) subject to a separate annual cap. Prohibited: TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold online, via mail order, to retailers, or for resale.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51590 · Danville

Danville city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited; no wholesale or interstate sales. All products must bear label: name, address, phone, date processed, and 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Danville city may require a local business license. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate; standard food safety practices expected. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS (not time/temperature control for safety) shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspection under cottage food exemption. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Danville city may require a local home occupation or business license. Operators should contact Danville city planning/zoning and the city clerk for local business license requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
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| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale, no interstate sales. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Danville city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Danville is a Virginia independent city. State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found. Local business license likely required; contact Danville city clerk. IJ notes local ordinances are not preempted by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.danvilleva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51595 · Emporia

Emporia city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Local business license may be required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Emporia city may require a local business license. Contact Emporia city hall for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Emporia city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Emporia is a small Virginia independent city in Greensville County area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.emporiava.com>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51600 · Fairfax

Fairfax city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fairfax (independent city, separate from Fairfax County) may require a local home occupation permit and business license. Note: Fairfax County (FIPS 51059) has a specific \$135 home-based business administrative permit with a Home-Based Food Production Supplemental Form — this applies to Fairfax County, not the City of Fairfax. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Fairfax (independent city) likely requires a local home occupation permit and business license for home-based food businesses. Contact the City of Fairfax Planning Division and City Clerk for specific requirements. Note: Fairfax County's home-based business administrative permit (\$135) does not apply to the independent City of Fairfax; the city has its own zoning ordinance. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No City of Fairfax-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs; local zoning may add requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

City of Fairfax is an independent city distinct from Fairfax County. Fairfax County's home-based business administrative permit program (§4102.7.H, \$135 fee) applies to county, not city. City of Fairfax has its own zoning ordinance; specific local home occupation permit requirements not confirmed in search. State cottage food law governs baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/planning-zoning>

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51610 · Falls Church

Falls Church city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Falls Church may require a local home occupation permit and business license. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Falls Church is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required for home-based food businesses. Contact Falls Church City Hall and Planning Division for specific requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Falls Church city-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Falls Church is one of Virginia's smallest independent cities. State cottage food law governs baseline. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found in search. Fairfaxcore.com guide specifically notes Falls Church City has different requirements from Fairfax County and refers users to the city-specific guide.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fallschurchva.gov/172/Planning-Zoning>

<https://www.fallschurchva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51620 · Franklin

Franklin city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Franklin city may require a local business license. Contact Franklin city hall for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Franklin city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin is a small Virginia independent city in Southampton County area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.franklinva.com>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51630 · Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Fredericksburg may require a local home occupation permit and business license. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Fredericksburg is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Fredericksburg City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Fredericksburg city-specific cottage food ordinance identified in search. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Fredericksburg is an independent city with its own zoning code. State cottage food law governs baseline. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found in search. Local home occupation zoning compliance and business license likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/186/Planning>

<https://www.fredericksburgva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51640 · Galax

Galax city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.'

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state cottage food pet restriction.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Virginia state cottage food law requires no permit. Galax city may require a local business license. Contact Galax city hall for local requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE likely

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Galax city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Galax is a small independent city in the Blue Ridge area. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.galaxva.com>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51670 · Hopewell

Hopewell city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' Hopewell city may require a local home occupation permit and business license. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Hopewell is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Hopewell City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Hopewell city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hopewell is an independent city near Petersburg. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hopewellva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51678 · Lexington

Lexington city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Lexington may require a local home occupation permit and business license. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Lexington is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Lexington City Hall and the Planning Department for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Lexington city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lexington is a small independent city in the Shenandoah Valley, home to VMI and W&L University. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lexingtonva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51683 · Manassas

Manassas city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas may require a local home occupation permit and Certificate of Occupancy for change of use. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Manassas is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. Manassas may require a Certificate of Occupancy for change in use and a local home occupation permit. Contact Manassas Community Development Department at manassasva.gov for specific requirements and forms. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No Manassas city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs; local zoning (Certificate of Occupancy for change of use) may add requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

Manassas is an independent city in Northern Virginia. The city's development services page confirms a Certificate of Occupancy is required for any change in use of a property; this may apply to starting a home-based food business. Manassas city references the Zoning Ordinance for occupancy rules. State cottage food law governs baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.manassasva.gov/community_development/development_services/occupancy_permits.php

<https://www.manassasva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

https://www.manassasva.gov/community_development/development_services/occupancy_permits.php

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51685 · Manassas Park

Manassas Park city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' City of Manassas Park defers to state VDACS regulations for home kitchen food processing.

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Manassas Park publishes Virginia's home kitchen food processing regulations on its public health page and directs operators to VDACS. A local business license and home occupation zoning compliance may also be required. Contact Manassas Park city hall for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Manassas Park city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Manassas Park City posts Virginia's state home kitchen food processing regulations on its public health department page, indicating no separate local cottage food ordinance. The city directs operators to VDACS. Local zoning compliance and business license still likely required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.manassasparkva.gov/departments/public_health/home_kitchen_food_processing.php

<https://www.manassasparkva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

https://www.manassasparkva.gov/departments/public_health/home_kitchen_food_processing.php

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51690 · Martinsville

Martinsville city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Martinsville is an independent city with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Martinsville City Hall for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Martinsville city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Martinsville is a small independent city in southside Virginia near Henry County. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.martinsvilleva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51720 · Norton

Norton city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a private home. No state permit, registration, or inspection required. No general sales cap; pickles and acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) capped at \$9,000/year. Sales must be direct to consumers at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (14 consecutive days or fewer). Online sales/ordering prohibited. All products must bear required label including 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION.' |
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state cottage food pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement. |
| HANDWASHING | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | no — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | likely — City of Norton is an independent city in southwest Virginia with its own zoning ordinance. A local home occupation permit and business license may be required. Contact Norton City Hall for local requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | likely |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No Norton city-specific cottage food ordinance identified. State law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Norton is a small independent city in Lee County area of southwest Virginia coalfields. State cottage food law governs. No city-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nortonva.gov>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51730 · Petersburg

Petersburg city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Petersburg is an independent city. Home occupations must be conducted wholly within a main building by a family member residing on premises. No advertising beyond a 1 sq ft identification sign. No non-family employees. No equipment beyond what is normally residential. Home occupations are a permitted use in residential zoning districts. A Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development, and zoning approval is required as part of the business license process. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT yes — Petersburg requires a Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development (135 N Union Street, Petersburg, VA 23803; pcd@petersburg-va.org; 804-733-2308). Zoning approval is a prerequisite for a business license. The questionnaire addresses: floor area used (must not exceed 1/4 of one floor), no structural modifications, whether clients/employees visit, whether commodities not made on premises are stored/sold, and whether signs are on premises. No non-family employees allowed under standard home occupation definition. A city business license is also required from the Commissioner of the Revenue.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Petersburg home occupation rules limit client visits to premises and prohibit storage of commodities not made on-site.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No non-family employees under Petersburg home occupation definition. No person outside the resident family may be employed at the home.

Relevant county code

Petersburg Zoning Ordinance Appendix B (home occupation definition); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Petersburg is an independent city in Virginia. Home occupation rules confirmed from official petersburgva.gov PDF questionnaire and zoning ordinance excerpt. Home occupation is defined restrictively: conducted wholly within the main building, family members only, 1 sq ft sign limit, no external indication of business, no non-residential equipment. A zoning approval questionnaire must be submitted to Planning & Community Development before a business license is issued. Questionnaire checks: floor area (max 1/4 of one floor), no structural changes, client/employee visits, commodity storage, and signage. City business license also required. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: specific home occupation documentation confirmed; some details on fees and processing times not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.petersburgva.gov/><https://www.petersburgva.gov/><https://www.petersburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5508/Home-Occupation-Questionnaire---PDF-Format><https://petersburgva.gov/602/Business-Licenses><https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml><https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51735 · Poquoson

Poquoson city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Poquoson is a small independent city on the Virginia Peninsula. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. Cottage food exemption has no explicit statutory pet restriction.

WATER SUPPLY Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway.

HANDWASHING Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway.

FOOD STORAGE Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Poquoson city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact the Poquoson Department of Planning to confirm permit requirements and fees. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence.

Relevant county code

Poquoson City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Poquoson city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found in searches. State baseline for Virginia applies. Poquoson is a small independent city (pop. ~12,000) in York County area. Medium confidence based on state baseline application; city-specific zoning confirmation not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.poquoson.org/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51750 · Radford

Radford city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Radford is an independent city in southwest Virginia (near Pulaski County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Radford city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Producers should contact Radford City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |

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| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Radford City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Radford city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules were found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.radfordva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51775 · Salem

Salem city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Salem is an independent city adjacent to Roanoke County in southwest Virginia. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |

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| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Salem city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Salem City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Salem City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Salem city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.salemva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51790 · Staunton

Staunton city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Staunton is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Staunton city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Staunton City Community Development for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
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| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Staunton City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Staunton city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.staunton.va.us/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51820 · Waynesboro

Waynesboro city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Waynesboro is an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley adjacent to Augusta County. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |

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| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Waynesboro city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Waynesboro City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Waynesboro City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Waynesboro city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.waynesboro.va.us/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51830 · Williamsburg

Williamsburg city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Williamsburg is an independent city in the Virginia Peninsula area (surrounded by James City County and York County). No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Williamsburg city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact the City of Williamsburg Department of Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Williamsburg City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Williamsburg city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.williamsburgva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 51840 · Winchester

Winchester city

Population 0 · State baseline: Va. Code §3.2-5130 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | yes — Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Winchester is an independent city in the northern Shenandoah Valley. No city-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond standard Virginia home occupation zoning requirements. For the VDACS Home Food Processing permit pathway, written zoning approval from the city is required. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | no |

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| PET RESTRICTIONS | VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all times via solid latching doors. |
| WATER SUPPLY | Private water supply requires coliform-free water test results for VDACS home food processing permit pathway. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing per GMP for VDACS permit pathway. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway. |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | conditional — VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only. |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | conditional — Winchester city likely requires home occupation compliance per local zoning. Contact Winchester City Planning for current home occupation permit requirements. For VDACS home food processing permit, written zoning approval is required. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | conditional |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | conditional |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Virginia state law does not specify a home-based food employee limit. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employee presence. |

Relevant county code

Winchester City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130 (cottage food exemption); VDACS Home Food Processing regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Winchester city-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Virginia applies. Medium confidence based on state baseline application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.winchesterva.gov/>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

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