

Cottage Food Production Operation

No License Required

A person who, in the person's **home**, produces food items that are not **potentially hazardous** foods, including bakery products, jams, jellies, candy, and fruit butter. These foods must be **labeled properly** or they will be considered misbranded or adulterated.



Home

A residence that contains one stove or oven used for cooking

Acceptable Foods

Bakery Products: cookies, breads, brownies, cakes, pies

Candy: no bake cookies, chocolate covered non-perishable items

Jams, Jellies, fruit butter, granola and granola bars, popcorn (including flavored, kettle, popcorn balls and caramel corn), unfilled baked donuts, waffle cones, pizzelles, dry cereal and nut snack mixes, roasted coffee, baking/cookie mixes in a jar, dry herbs/seasonings and herb blends, dry tea blends

Unacceptable Foods

Low acid canned food means any food with a finished equilibrium pH greater than 4.6 and a water activity greater than 0.85

Acidified food means a low acid food to which acids or acid foods are added; Ex. Beans, cucumbers, cabbage, puddings

Potentially hazardous food means it requires temperature control because it is in a form capable of supporting the rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms; Ex. Raw or cooked animal products, cooked vegetables, garlic in oil, cheese cakes, pumpkin pies, custard pies, cream pies

Proper Labeling

Labeling all food products and include the following information on the label of each unit of food product offered or distributed for sale:

1. The name and address of the business of the "Cottage Food Production Operation";
2. The name of the food product;
3. The ingredients of the food product, in descending order of predominance by weight;
4. The net weight or net volume of the food product;
5. The following statement in ten-point type: "This Product is Home Produced."

Location of Sale

Can only be sold in Ohio

Sold through grocery stores, farm markets, farmers markets;

Sold and/or used in preparing food in a restaurant

Could I make a profit from selling my cookies?

