

Approved Bake Sale Food Items

Ohio Cottage Food List – Non-potentially hazardous food items.

In Ohio, thanks to our cottage food law, there are certain types of low risk food products you may produce and sell right out of your home kitchen with no inspection or licensing requirements. This is perfect for anyone who wants to test the market for their food product without the risk of investing a lot of money in a storefront or have a bake sale. Specific food products that Ohio law defines as "cottage foods." Only food products that are *non-potentially hazardous* fall into the cottage food category. Ohio Administrative Code Section 901:3-20-04 lists the food items approved as cottage food products. This list is very specific and includes the following food products:

- Non-potentially hazardous bakery products (such as cookies, breads, brownies, cakes, and fruit pies)
- Jams
- Jellies
- Candy (including no-bake cookies, chocolate covered pretzels or similar chocolate covered non-perishable items)
- Fruit butters
- Granola, granola bars, granola bars dipped in candy
- Popcorn, flavored popcorn, kettle corn, popcorn balls, caramel corn (does *not* include un-popped popping corn)
- Unfilled, baked donuts
- Waffle cones
- Pizzelles
- Dry cereal and nut snack mixes with seasonings
- Roasted coffee, whole beans or ground
- Dry baking mixes in a jar (for making items like breads and cookies)
- Dry herbs and herb blends
- Dry seasoning blends (such as dry barbeque rubs and seafood boils)
- Dry tea blends

If there is a specific food product you want to produce in your home but it is not in the cottage food definition, you may need to obtain a home bakery license.

NOT approved (list is a starting point NOT all inclusive) –
cheesecakes, items that need refrigerated, cream pies, donuts with filling, etc.

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