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Cottage Food Production 2013

Cottage Foods are:

- Bakery products that do not require refrigeration (cakes, breads, fruit pies, cookies, brownies)
- Jams and Jellies
- Candy *without* fruit (fudge, chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered peanuts, cotton candy)
- Fruit Butter
- Granola *without* fruit (granola bars, granola bars dipped in chocolate)
- Popcorn (kettle corn, flavored popcorn, popcorn balls, caramel 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, including cookie mix
- Dry herbs and herb blends
- Dry seasoning blends
- Dry tea blends



A cottage food production operation is exempt from inspection and licensing by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the local health jurisdiction provided all the requirements are met. All foods must be made in a home kitchen, packaged in the kitchen, and be properly labeled. (Please see opposite side for labeling requirements)

Please note cheesecake, cream or custard pies (*sweet potato, pecan, pumpkin*) custard or pudding fillings and cream cheese icing or fillings are NOT permitted since they require refrigeration. In addition, home canned produce, pickles, garlic in oil, and herb infused oils and vinegar are not permitted to be sold as Cottage Food.

Cottage Foods may only be sold in Ohio. Products that are packaged, properly identified and labeled may be sold directly to the consumer from the residence where the products are made. They may also be sold through grocery stores, restaurants, farm markets, farmer's markets, and may be used in preparing food in a restaurant.

Please contact the Lake County General Health District for more information.

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