

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Champaign County

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STATE BASELINE

410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4, 2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903) uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level, not just food handler) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct sales only (in-state). Champaign County is home to the University of Illinois; Champaign County Health Care Consumers and the county health department administer local registration.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Champaign County (unincorporated areas) and cities (Champaign, Urbana, Savoy) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Champaign County Planning or relevant municipal planning department. The county govt URL (champaigncountyil.gov) is available.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Some local health departments (§410 ILCS 625/4(d)) may impose additional requirements; complaint-based inspection is the standard approach.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Illinois cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required, which covers handwashing and hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified and fermented foods require a food safety plan and pH testing documentation.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food law permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and online (non-perishable items only via shipping within Illinois). No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale or restaurant sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Illinois cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Champaign County Health Care Consumers (local health dept registration); Champaign County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois state baseline applies. Champaign County (county seat: Urbana) is home to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food frameworks due to its prohibited-list approach. CFPM-level (Food Safety Manager) certification required — not just a basic food handler card. Registration with local health department up to \$50/year. 2025 amendment (PA 103-0903) made additional refinements. No Champaign County-specific overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.champaigncountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/illinois/champaign-county-discuss>

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Champaign County's rules sit on top of Illinois's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Illinois cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

State dept cottage food page: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

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