

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Grundy 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

2026-05-05

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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MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Grundy County is in the exurban Chicago area.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Grundy County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Grundy County is in the I-80 corridor southwest of Chicago (Morris). Contact Grundy County Health Department in Morris.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Grundy County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Grundy County is in the exurban Chicago area.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Grundy County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Registration required with Grundy County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Grundy County is in the I-80 corridor southwest of Chicago (Morris). Contact Grundy County Health Department in Morris.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales and in-state shipping allowed for non-perishable items.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in IL statute.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; registration with Grundy County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Grundy County is an exurban county in northeast Illinois (I-80 corridor). No county-specific overrides found. State IL baseline applies with CFPM-level certification requirement.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Grundy County	Kankakee County	LaSalle County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales and in-state shipping allowed for non-perishable items.	Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events a...	Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. Home pick...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager ce...	Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach allowing nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with local health department...	Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with the local h...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-aci...	Non-prohibited foods only. Acidified/fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test documentation.
POPULATION	52,624	107,421	109,495

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Grundy 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/>

Questions?

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