

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jackson County

Illinois · Murphysboro · FIPS 17077 · Population 53,176 ·
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STATE BASELINE

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

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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. Jackson County includes Carbondale (Southern Illinois University).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Jackson County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Jackson County Health Department (up to \$50/year). City of Carbondale (SIU) may have additional requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific IL state or Jackson County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Jackson County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Registration required with Jackson County Health Department (up to \$50/year). City of Carbondale (SIU) may have additional requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro.
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 Jackson County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Jackson County includes Carbondale (Southern Illinois University). No county-specific overrides found. State IL baseline applies with registration through Jackson County Health Department. IL's CFPM-level certification is more demanding than most states.

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/jackson-county-discuss>

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Jackson 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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