

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kane 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

HIGH

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must use primary residence kitchen on farm property or in home. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Registration with Kane County Health Department required. Prohibited foods: meat/poultry/fish/seafood, dairy/eggs except as non-PHF baked good ingredients, garlic in oil unless acidified, low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction in 410 ILCS 625/4; general sanitation standards

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Kane County Health Department FAQ confirms cottage food operations may be sold from home as long as local zoning regulations are not inconsistent with state law (per IDPH Cottage Food Guide page 32). Operators must check with local city planning or Kane County zoning for home occupation requirements. Each municipality in Kane County (Geneva, Aurora, Elgin, etc.) has its own zoning code. Kane County Health Department registration is required and is specific to the one home kitchen location.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection required; Kane County Health Department may inspect upon complaint or safety concern. A home kitchen may be inspected if there is a regulatory concern per Kane County FAQ.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction in 410 ILCS 625/4; general sanitation standards
WATER SUPPLY	If on private well, water testing may be required per Kane County Health Department registration
HANDWASHING	Required by CFPM certification standards; no separate specific provision
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must be stored in primary residence

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	Direct sales to consumers only within Illinois. Farmers markets, events, home/online sales. No retail stores, restaurants, or third-party distributors. Currently no registration fee. Product changes require updating registration with Kane County Health Department.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Employees are allowed; all persons who prepare or package food must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4. Kane County Health Department Cottage Food Registration (kanehealth.com). Local zoning per municipality.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kane County Health Department official pages retrieved (kanehealth.com). FAQ confirms: registration specific to one home kitchen; employees allowed but must have CFPM; local zoning must be checked (cites IDPH Cottage Food Guide p. 32); no routine kitchen inspection except upon complaint/concern. Registration form confirms CFPM numbers required for all food preparers. Illinois state law (410 ILCS 625/4): prohibited-list approach — almost any non-PHF food allowed. Direct consumer sales only within Illinois, no retail/restaurant. Currently no registration fee. Confidence high: both official Kane County Health Department sources retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kanecountyil.gov>

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Cottage-Food-FAQ.aspx>

https://www.kanehealth.com/Documents/Environmental%20Fees%20Permits%20and%20Ordinances/2023%20Cottage%20Food%20Registration%20and%20Home%20Self-Cert%20Checklist%20Updated%2005_25_23.pdf

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

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Kane 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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