

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Madison County

Illinois · Edwardsville · FIPS 17119 · Population 265,512 ·  
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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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**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Madison County Health Department administers registration.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Madison County and municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Registration with Madison County Health Department is required for cottage food (up to \$50/year); health dept registration is distinct from a zoning home occupation permit.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; some local departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d))

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Madison County Health Department administers registration.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required, not just food handler card
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Broad — most non-TCS foods allowed; acidified and fermented foods require additional documentation (food safety plan, pH test)

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; some local departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d)
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Madison County and municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Registration with Madison County Health Department is required for cottage food (up to \$50/year); health dept registration is distinct from a zoning home occupation permit.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct in-state sales only; online sales allowed but non-perishable items only, shipped within Illinois. No out-of-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

**Relevant county code**

410 ILCS 625/4; Madison County Health Department registration

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Madison County IL follows the state baseline (410 ILCS 625/4). Illinois has one of the nation's broadest cottage food laws with its prohibited-list approach. Local health department registration (up to \$50/year) required. CFPM-level certification required (unusual among states). No Madison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Madison County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.madisoncountyil.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/madison-county-discuss>

## State context — Illinois cottage food law

Madison 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> 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.	

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

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### 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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