

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sangamon County

Illinois · Springfield · FIPS 17167 · Population 196,122 ·
Crosodo Index #1248*

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.

ILLINOIS: SANGAMON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1248* · FIPS 17167 · Springfield

Sangamon County

Population 196,122 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Sangamon County is home to Springfield, the state capital.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Sangamon County is home to Springfield, the state capital.
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 for Illinois cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	CFPM-level Food Safety Manager certification required, covering handwashing and hygiene.
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified/fermented foods need food safety plan and pH test.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov .
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, home, and online (non-perishable items, shipping within Illinois only). No out-of-state shipping.
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; Sangamon County Public Health Department (local registration); Sangamon County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois state baseline applies. Sangamon County (county seat: Springfield) is the home of the Illinois state government. Input data shows county_seat as blank; Springfield is the county seat (confirmed from general knowledge). No county-specific overrides found. Sangamon County Health Department handles local cottage food registration (up to \$50/year). CFPM-level certification required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sangamonil.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/sangamon-county-discuss>

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Sangamon 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?

Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Sangamon County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

<https://crosodo.com/nb/illinois/sangamon-county-discuss>
