

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# St. Clair County

Illinois · Belleville · FIPS 17163 · Population 256,791 · Crosodo Index #1257\*

## 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**

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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 St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (St. Clair County and municipalities (Belleville, O'Fallon, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Registration with St. Clair County Health Department is required for cottage food; this is separate from zoning home occupation permit.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

**Home kitchen rules**

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**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** No

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water supply required

**HANDWASHING** Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required

**FOOD STORAGE** Broad — most non-TCS foods allowed; acidified and fermented foods require additional documentation

**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 in-state sales only; online sales allowed but non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only. Farmers markets, events, home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

**Relevant county code**

410 ILCS 625/4; St. Clair County Health Department registration

**RESEARCH NOTES**

St. Clair County IL follows the Illinois state baseline (410 ILCS 625/4). CFPM-level certification required. Registration with local health dept (up to \$50/year). No St. Clair County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state requirements. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific St. Clair County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.co.st-clair.il.us>

<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/st-clair-county-discuss>

## State context — Illinois cottage food law

St. Clair 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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