

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Tazewell County

Illinois · Pekin · FIPS 17179 · Population 131,276 · Crosodo Index #2134*

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 (Must register with local health department (Tazewell County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specifically prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Tazewell County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. Pekin and East Peoria (near Peoria metro area) have separate ordinances. Local home occupation permits may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Tazewell County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required; dedicated handwashing facilities must be available.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products for shipped items. Broader categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Tazewell County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Tazewell County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. Pekin and East Peoria (near Peoria metro area) have separate ordinances. Local home occupation permits may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide. Online sales for non-perishable items within Illinois only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Tazewell County Health Department registration under 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (IL) confirmed. Tazewell County is in central Illinois near Peoria. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

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/tazewell-county-discuss>

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Tazewell 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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