

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clark County

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STATE BASELINE

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products, enacted 2022); no sales cap; no registration; food handler cert required; direct sales only; no acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	—	MEDIUM	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 (Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. No registration required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Clark County and Jeffersonville city may have general home occupation zoning permits. No specific Clark County cottage food overlay found. Indiana state law is clear that local governments cannot impose additional requirements beyond zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Indiana state law prohibits local health departments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited course) required; must be provided to local health department.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable (non-PHF) products. Fermented products allowed if not in oxygen-sealed containers. Acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers are prohibited.

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	Indiana allows direct sales only: from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. Interstate sales and acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (IN tier Great). Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 created strong protections for home-based vendors. Clark County is across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY. No county-specific URLs provided in input. State preemption of local licensing/inspection is explicit. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

<http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2>

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

State context — Indiana cottage food law

Clark County's rules sit on top of Indiana's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE Ind. Code §16-42-5.2	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2>

State dept cottage food page: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/indiana/>

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