

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Kosciusko County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Ind. Code §16-42-5.2	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.

## INDIANA: KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

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## Kosciusko County

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kosciusko County and the City of Warsaw (orthopedic device industry capital) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Kosciusko County cottage food ordinance identified.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kosciusko County and the City of Warsaw (orthopedic device industry capital) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Kosciusko County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

No Kosciusko County-specific cottage food code identified. Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 governs.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Kosciusko County (Warsaw) follows Indiana home-based vendor law. Warsaw is known as the orthopedic device capital of the world. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

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#### 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)/)

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kosciusko County	Elkhart County	Fulton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	<b>Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Indiana home-based vendor statute. Standard food safety practices apply.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	<b>Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.</b>	Indiana home-based vendor law (2022) allows sales from home, online, farmers markets, and other venues. Home pickup and delivery permitted...	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	<b>Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF ...</b>	Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) allows sales of most non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods from hom...	—
FOOD STORAGE	<b>No specific statutory requirement.</b>	Non-PHF foods only; no refrigerated items. Standard GMP storage practices.	—
POPULATION	80,442	206,841	20,420

## State context — Indiana cottage food law

Kosciusko 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> Ind. Code §16-42-5.2	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> No	<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 — Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.	

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

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### 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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