

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Morgan County

Indiana · Martinsville · FIPS 18109 · Population 71,757 ·  
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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.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesale or catering under this law. No perishable baked goods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned foods.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Morgan County unincorporated areas would follow county zoning ordinance for home occupation rules. City of Martinsville has its own zoning. No specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesale or catering under this law. No perishable baked goods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned foods.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required as part of food handler certification training
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain non-PHF status

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Morgan County unincorporated areas would follow county zoning ordinance for home occupation rules. City of Martinsville has its own zoning. No specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified at county level

## Relevant county code

Not identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana Great-tier state. No county-specific sources available. State law is the primary framework. Pattern-verified county with no county-specific overrides identified.

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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/morgan-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Morgan County	Monroe County	Johnson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	Monroe County limits or prohibits customer visits to home businesses — no increase in traffic beyond normal residential levels. State law (...)	Sales from home, online, at farmers markets, roadside stands, events, and other direct-to-consumer venues. No wholesale or interstate sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesal...	Under the 2022 HEA 1149 framework: products must be non-potentially hazardous, made at the individual's primary residence, and sold only at...	Indiana HEA 1149 (2022) allows home-based vendors to sell most nonperishable foods from home, online, at events, and other venues. Food han...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain non-PHF status	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Products stored per Monroe County Health Department guidance in food-safe containers.	Non-PHF foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	71,757	140,065	161,952

## State context — Indiana cottage food law

Morgan 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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