

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Tippecanoe County

Indiana · Lafayette · FIPS 18157 · Population 186,955 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (updated to IC 16-42-5.3 per 2022 HEA 1149)

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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited course) required; certificate must be provided to local health department.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Tippecanoe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business registration also required. Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 expressly preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. However, home occupation zoning permits are distinct from food licensing. County sections 5-5-1 through 5-5-4 of the Tippecanoe County Unified Zoning Ordinance govern home occupations. West Lafayette is noted as allowing home-based vendor sales at farmers markets; other cities have separate rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited course) required; certificate must be provided to local health department.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification training.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products; perishables not permitted.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online, and other direct venues. No cap on annual sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No on-site non-household employees per typical home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

Tippecanoe County Unified Zoning Ordinance §§5-5-1 through 5-5-4 (home occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local inspection/licensing requirements for home-based vendors but does not preempt home occupation zoning. Tippecanoe County FAQ confirms home occupation permit required (sections 5-5-1 to 5-5-4). County health department (TCHD) notes only West Lafayette farmers market allows home-based vendors. Food handler certification required by state law. No county-specific cottage food health rules beyond state baseline found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tippecanoe.in.gov>

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

<https://tippecanoe.in.gov/faq.aspx>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/tippecanoe-county-in>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Tippecanoe County	Benton County	Carroll County
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	—
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	—	—
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POPULATION	186,955	8,709	20,397

State context — Indiana cottage food law

Tippecanoe 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

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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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