

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Vigo County

Indiana · Terre Haute · FIPS 18167 · Population 106,355 ·  
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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: VIGO COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, whole eggs (limited), traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), whole chickens/rabbits raised by vendor. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Terre Haute and Vigo County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Vigo County cottage food ordinance identified.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State preempts local licensing or inspection requirements per HEA 1149 (2022). Inspection only upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, whole eggs (limited), traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), whole chickens/rabbits raised by vendor. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only.

## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

## HANDWASHING

Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS foods only. Acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited. Interstate sales and wholesale/catering prohibited.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, and at events permitted. Sales channels expanded by 2022 law (no longer limited to farmers markets/roadside stands). Interstate sales and wholesale/catering prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

No specific Vigo County code section identified. State law governs: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Vigo County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Indiana's 2022 HEA 1149 expanded cottage food to allow sales from home, online, etc. (no longer limited to farmers markets). Food handler certificate required but no state registration. No county-specific overrides found. 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)/)

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Vigo County	Clay County	Parke County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.	—	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	—	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, and at events permitted. Sales channels expanded by 2022 law (no longer limited to farmers mark...	—	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	—	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not o...	—	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat...	—	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.
POPULATION	106,355	26,396	16,870

## State context — Indiana cottage food law

Vigo 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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