

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Warrick County

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STATE BASELINE

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (now superseded by HEA 1149, 2022 — operative: IC §16-42-5.3)

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 (Must provide food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) to local health department. Direct sales only. No wholesale or catering. No acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces). Most non-PHF foods including baked goods, candies, jams, nut butters, dried goods, eggs, whole chickens/rabbits permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Warrick County is a suburban Evansville county in southwest Indiana. County govt URL confirmed at warrickcounty.gov. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Warrick County Plan Commission at (812) 897-6136.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based; local health department cannot require routine inspection under HEA 1149)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler certificate training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

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	Direct sales only; may sell from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; local health department cannot add additional requirements

Relevant county code

Contact Warrick County Plan Commission for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana HEA 1149 (2022) created IC §16-42-5.3. Food handler cert required (ANSI-accredited). Local health departments cannot add requirements beyond state law. Warrick County is near Evansville, one of Indiana's largest cities. County govt URL confirmed. No specific county cottage food restrictions beyond state baseline found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.warrickcounty.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)/)

<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/warrick-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Warrick County	Vanderburgh County	Dubois County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; may sell from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery. No cap on annual sales.	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Must provide food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) to local health department. Direct sales only. No wholesale or catering. No acidifi...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.	—
POPULATION	64,065	179,900	43,584

State context — Indiana cottage food law

Warrick 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

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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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