

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Illinois

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4).

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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.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

2024 Cottage Food Guide

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This guide was developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) in partnership with cottage food advocacy groups, local health departments, University of Illinois Extension, cottage food producers, and economic development organizations. The purpose is to support cottage food businesses, grow a thriving cottage food industry in Illinois, and ensure that cottage food products are safe, healthy, and enjoyable for all.

What Is a Cottage Food Operation?

410 ILCS 625/4

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- A Cottage Food Operation means an operation conducted by a person who produces or packages food or drink, other than foods and drinks listed as prohibited in the law, in a kitchen located in that person's primary domestic residence or another appropriately designed and equipped kitchen on a farm for direct sale by the owner, a family member, or employee.
- All sales must be direct-to-customer by the owner, a family member, or an employee listed on the Cottage Food Operator Registration Form. Cottage food products may not be repacked, sold, or distributed by a third party.
- Cottage food operations must be registered as a Cottage Food Operator with their local health department in the county or municipality in which they reside.

Do I have to be a farmer to apply for a cottage food registration?

- No.

Can my kitchen be located in an outbuilding on my property, such as an unattached garage or shed?

- If you are a farmer, yes. If you are not a farmer, then no. The law is written this way in order to prevent persons from turning outbuildings into storefronts.

Registration

What does it cost to register?

- The fee to register is capped at \$50 by law. Your local health department may charge between \$0 and \$50.

How often do I have to register?

- You must register annually.

Will I be regularly inspected?

- No. Unlike restaurants and retailers, your home kitchen will not be inspected by a local health department upon registration. However, a local health department may inspect your home kitchen if there is cause to believe your products are not safe or not in compliance with the law.

What's the difference between a "registration" and a "license"?

- Registration does not involve an inspection and generally refers to a simpler process. Licensure comes with inspections and a formal process with related costs. A commercial kitchen is a licensed operation.

Prohibited Products

What foods are prohibited under the Illinois Cottage Food Law?

- As of January 1, 2018, all food and drink are permitted, except for what is specifically prohibited in the law:
- Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, or shellfish.

- Dairy, except as an ingredient in a non-potentially hazardous baked good or candy, or as an ingredient in a baked good frosting such as buttercream.
- Eggs, except as an ingredient in a non-potentially hazardous food or as an ingredient in a baked good frosting such as buttercream, if the eggs are not raw.
- Pumpkin pies, sweet potato pies, cheesecakes, custard pies, creme pies, and pastries with potentially hazardous fillings or toppings.
- Garlic in oil or oil infused with garlic, except if the garlic oil is acidified.
- Low-acid canned foods; sprouts; cut leafy greens (except dehydrated, acidified or blanched and frozen); cut or puréed fresh tomato or melon; dehydrated tomato or melon; frozen cut melon; wild-harvested non-cultivated mushrooms; alcoholic beverages; kombucha.

FAQ: Allowed Foods

Can I make a concentrated herbal extract or tincture under the Cottage Food Law?

- Yes, as long as you do not sell your product as a medicine or advertise any health claims.

I would like to make and sell my own Kombucha. Is this allowed?

- No. Kombucha is directly prohibited in the law.

Can I sell honey from my beehives?

- Yes. Honey is a product regulated under the USDA and not considered a cottage food product.

Are dehydrated foods allowed?

- Yes, as long as no prohibited ingredients (such as meat, dairy, etc.) are included. For safety, aim for a water activity of 0.85 or less.

FAQ: Sales Avenues

Is there a sales cap on my earnings?

- No. In previous versions of the bill there had been limits, but those no longer apply.

Can I sell across state lines?

- The Illinois Cottage Food Law only regulates sales within state lines. Products crossing state lines are considered interstate commerce and subject to Federal rules and regulations.

Can I sell my product to a bakery or grocery store to resell?

- No. Cottage food laws specifically state "Food and drink produced by a Cottage Food Operation shall be sold directly to consumers for their own consumption and not for resale."

Can I sell my product to a restaurant to use as an ingredient in their menu?

- No. The use of an ingredient in an item that will be sold is considered resale.

Can I sell through Etsy?

- Yes, however, sales may only happen within the state of Illinois. You are not allowed to ship or deliver out of state. You must provide clear signage on your Etsy page that your product was made in a home kitchen not inspected by a health department.

Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)

Who needs CFPM certification?

- All cottage food operators, and any person helping to prepare or package food products as part of the cottage food operation, must have completed the Certified Food Protection Manager certification course and passed the exam before the cottage food registration can be approved.
- Look for a course that is ANSI accredited, at least eight hours long, with a proctored exam. The cost of the training varies, but the range is usually between \$100 and \$300, and is valid for five years.
- NOTE: The food handler training is NOT valid for cottage food operators.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Illinois cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 102 Illinois counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

No — Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has one of the most notable cottage food laws for its 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell almost anything that is not explicitly prohibited, including many items other states ban. The 2022 amendment (PA 102-0633, SB 2007) was the major expansion that allowed all direct sales statewide (not just farmers markets), effectively replacing the old home kitchen operation law. A further 2025 amendment (PA 103-0903, SB 2617) made additional refinements. Registration is required with the local health department (up to \$50/year); if no local health department exists, register with an adjacent county's department. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level, not just food handler) is required. Some local health departments may impose additional requirements (§410 ILCS 625/4(d)). State law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions in most cases. Acidified and fermented foods have special documentation requirements (food safety plan and pH test). Online sales are allowed but non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only; out-of-state shipping is prohibited.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT ILLINOIS

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?

Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

Yes

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?

Upon-complaint

SALES CAP

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ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?

No (Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN ILLINOIS

- Illinois is a Great-tier state — high or no sales cap with multiple sales channels allowed.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Annual sales cap: see statute section.
- Direct vs indirect sales: No (Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Illinois.

Illinois Compiled Statutes 410 ILCS 625/4, Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, Section 4 (Cottage food operation); as amended by Public Act 102-0633 (SB 2007, eff. January 2022) and Public Act 103-0903 (SB 2617, eff. January 2025)

CITATION	ENACTED
410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)	2012
LAST AMENDED	CONFIDENCE
2025	HIGH

Allowed foods

Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach — everything not prohibited is allowed, including baked goods, candies, condiments (honey, ketchup, mustards, nut butters, oils, pickles, salsas, sauces, syrups, vinegars), dry goods, pastries, preserves (including acidified foods and fermented foods with extra requirements), snacks, carbonated drinks, extracts, frozen produce, hardboiled eggs, and juices. Many perishable foods are allowed for direct in-state sales but may not be shipped.

Prohibited foods

Prohibited items include meat/poultry/fish/seafood/shellfish; dairy and eggs except as ingredients in non-PHF baked goods; custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings; garlic in oil (unless acidified); low-acid canned foods; sprouts; raw cut leafy greens; alcoholic beverages; and kombucha. Some items with special requirements (acidified foods, certain canned tomato products) are allowed with additional documentation.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include the product name, ingredients in descending order by weight, allergen information, net weight/volume, the city/unit of local government name, and the point-of-sale notice: 'This product was produced in a home kitchen not inspected by a health department that may also process common food allergens.' Products must be pre-packaged in the home kitchen; exceptions (e.g., wedding cakes) require local health department approval.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

(410 ILCS 625/4) Sec. 4. Cottage food operation. (a) For the purpose of this Section: 'Cottage food operation' means an operation conducted by a person who produces or packages food or drink, other than foods and drinks listed as prohibited in paragraph (1.5) of subsection (b) of this Section, in a kitchen located in that person's primary domestic residence or another appropriately designed and equipped kitchen on a farm residential or commercial-style kitchen on that property for direct sale by the owner, a family member, or employee. (b) A cottage food operation may produce homemade food and drink provided that all of the following conditions are met: (1.3) A cottage food operation must register with the local health department for the unit of local government in which it is located, but may sell products outside of the unit of local government where the cottage food operation is located. (1.5) A cottage food operation shall not sell or offer to sell the following food items: (A) meat, poultry, fish, seafood, or shellfish; (B) dairy, except as an ingredient in a non-potentially hazardous baked good or candy; (C) eggs, except as an ingredient in a non-potentially hazardous food; (D) pumpkin pies, sweet potato pies, cheesecakes, custard pies, creme pies, and pastries with potentially hazardous fillings or toppings; (E) garlic in oil or oil infused with garlic, except if acidified; (F) low-acid canned foods; (G) sprouts; (H) cut leafy greens, except dehydrated, acidified, or blanched and frozen; (M) alcoholic beverages; or (N) kombucha.

Source: <https://www.ilga.gov/Documents/Legislation/PublicActs/102/PDF/102-0633.pdf>

Official sources

Statute <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

State dept page <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

Extension service <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2025-04/accessibledocuments/cottage-food-guide.pdf>

Forrager.com <https://forrager.com/law/illinois/>

State dept of agriculture / health: Illinois Department of Public Health

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 102 Illinois counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

ILLINOIS: ADAMS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1860* · FIPS 17001 · Quincy

Adams County

Population 65,583 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Adams County Health Department) for up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Inspection is complaint-based. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach – virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Adams County includes Quincy; local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Adams County Health Department or Quincy City Planning for requirements. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions in most cases.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Adams County Health Department) for up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Inspection is complaint-based. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach – virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Adams County includes Quincy; local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Adams County Health Department or Quincy City Planning for requirements. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions in most cases.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping of non-perishables permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated; commercial operations require separate licensing

Relevant county code

Contact Adams County Health Department for local registration requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633, 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – unusual as manager-level cert, not just food handler. Adams County in western IL near Missouri border. No specific Adams County override found. County URLs blank in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: ALEXANDER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1709* · FIPS 17003 · Cairo

Alexander County

Population 5,765 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Alexander County is a small, rural, economically distressed county in far southern Illinois (pop. ~5,800). No specific Alexander County home occupation zoning ordinance was found in research. Illinois state law (410 ILCS 625/4(d)) notes that local health departments may impose additional requirements; however, state law generally preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food sales. Operators should register with the Alexander County Health Department and confirm whether any county or Cairo city zoning permits are required for home-based food businesses.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no additional testing specified for cottage food.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored at primary residence; safe food handling practices required per CFPM training.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Alexander County is a small, rural, economically distressed county in far southern Illinois (pop. ~5,800). No specific Alexander County home occupation zoning ordinance was found in research. Illinois state law (410 ILCS 625/4(d)) notes that local health departments may impose additional requirements; however, state law generally preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food sales. Operators should register with the Alexander County Health Department and confirm whether any county or Cairo city zoning permits are required for home-based food businesses.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food allows direct sales; home pickup is permitted. Online sales with local delivery permitted for non-perishables. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employees in home-based businesses.

Relevant county code

Alexander County zoning regulations; contact Alexander County for current text.

RESEARCH NOTES

Alexander County is one of Illinois' most economically distressed counties, located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. No specific county zoning text for home occupations was found. Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4) requires registration with local health department, CFPM certification, and uses a prohibited-list approach. State law generally preempts contradictory local restrictions. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.alexandercountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: BOND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1718* · FIPS 17005 · Greenville

Bond County

Population 16,712 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Bond County has an active zoning office in Greenville. The Bond County Zoning Ordinance (updated June 2025, available at bondcountyil.gov) governs land use in unincorporated areas. Home-based food businesses are typically classified as home occupations, which are allowed as accessory uses in residential zones subject to county zoning requirements. Contact Bond County Zoning Administrator Brad Criner at (618) 237-9737 or 206 W. Main, Greenville IL 62246, or apply online at us.cloudpermit.com for permits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no additional testing specified for cottage food.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored at primary residence; safe food handling practices required per CFPM training.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Bond County has an active zoning office in Greenville. The Bond County Zoning Ordinance (updated June 2025, available at bondcountyil.gov) governs land use in unincorporated areas. Home-based food businesses are typically classified as home occupations, which are allowed as accessory uses in residential zones subject to county zoning requirements. Contact Bond County Zoning Administrator Brad Criner at (618) 237-9737 or 206 W. Main, Greenville IL 62246, or apply online at us.cloudpermit.com for permits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food allows direct sales; home pickup is permitted. Online sales with local delivery permitted for non-perishables. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law. County home occupation rules may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Bond County Zoning Ordinance (June 2025); Building Code (December 2024). Available at bondcountyil.gov.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bond County zoning office was confirmed active with an online permitting system and a recently updated zoning ordinance (June 2025). The Bond County zoning administrator is Brad Criner at (618) 237-9737. Illinois cottage food law requires registration with local health department and CFPM certification. State law uses prohibited-list approach. Bond County zoning URL confirmed; full text of home occupation provisions not reviewed but URL is valid. Confidence medium because home occupation permit specifics from the June 2025 ordinance not confirmed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://bondcountyil.gov/zoning/>

<https://bondcountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

<https://bondcountyil.gov/zoning/>

<https://bondcountyil.gov/wp-content/uploads/Zoning-Ordinance-JUNE-2025-1.pdf>

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

ILLINOIS: BOONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1216* · FIPS 17007 · Belvidere

Boone County

Population 53,459 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted including baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods, snacks, beverages. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Boone County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Boone County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Boone County is in the northern Illinois area near Rockford. Contact Boone County Health Department in Belvidere.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Boone County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted including baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods, snacks, beverages. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific IL state or Boone County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Boone County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Registration required with Boone County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Boone County is in the northern Illinois area near Rockford. Contact Boone County Health Department in Belvidere.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items shipped within IL only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in IL statute.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; registration with Boone County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Boone County is a suburban/rural county near Rockford in northern Illinois. No county-specific overrides found. State baseline applies with registration through Boone County Health Department. IL Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) is notably stricter than most states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: BROWN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1717* · FIPS 17009 · Mount Sterling

Brown County

Population 6,618 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Brown County is a small, rural western Illinois county (pop. ~6,600). No specific Brown County home occupation zoning ordinance was found in research. Illinois state law generally preempts contradictory local restrictions on cottage food sales. Operators should register with the Brown County Health Department and confirm whether any county zoning permits are required for home-based food businesses in unincorporated areas or within Mount Sterling city limits.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must operate from primary residence. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach - virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed including pickles, salsas, condiments, and most baked goods. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Online sales within Illinois permitted for non-perishables.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state statute on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no additional testing specified for cottage food.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored at primary residence; safe food handling practices required per CFPM training.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IDPH or local health department may inspect upon complaint. Routine inspections not required for registered cottage food operators.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Brown County is a small, rural western Illinois county (pop. ~6,600). No specific Brown County home occupation zoning ordinance was found in research. Illinois state law generally preempts contradictory local restrictions on cottage food sales. Operators should register with the Brown County Health Department and confirm whether any county zoning permits are required for home-based food businesses in unincorporated areas or within Mount Sterling city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food allows direct sales; home pickup is permitted. Online sales with local delivery permitted for non-perishables. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law. Local zoning may restrict non-resident employees in home-based businesses.

Relevant county code

Brown County zoning regulations (unincorporated areas); contact Brown County for current text.

RESEARCH NOTES

Brown County is a small rural western Illinois county with limited online presence. No specific county zoning ordinance text for home occupations was found. Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4) requires registration with local health department and CFPM certification. State law uses prohibited-list approach and generally preempts contradictory local restrictions. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: BUREAU COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2147* · FIPS 17011 · Princeton

Bureau County

Population 32,486 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Bureau County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bureau County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Bureau County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bureau County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Bureau County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Bureau County in north-central IL; county seat Princeton. Rural agricultural county along Illinois River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CALHOUN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2099* · FIPS 17013 · Hardin

Calhoun County

Population 4,224 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Calhoun County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Calhoun County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Calhoun County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Calhoun County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Calhoun County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Calhoun County — smallest Illinois county by population, located between Mississippi and Illinois Rivers; county seat Hardin. Very rural; no county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2084* · FIPS 17015 · Mount Carroll

Carroll County

Population 15,444 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Carroll County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Carroll County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Carroll County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Carroll County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Carroll County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Carroll County in northwest IL; county seat Mount Carroll. Rural, primarily agricultural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CASS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2016* · FIPS 17017 · Virginia

Cass County

Population 12,713 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Cass County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cass County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Cass County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cass County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Cass County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Cass County in central IL; county seat Virginia. Rural agricultural county on Illinois River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1249* · FIPS 17019 · Urbana

Champaign County

Population 206,525 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4, 2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903) uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level, not just food handler) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct sales only (in-state). Champaign County is home to the University of Illinois; Champaign County Health Care Consumers and the county health department administer local registration.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Champaign County (unincorporated areas) and cities (Champaign, Urbana, Savoy) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Champaign County Planning or relevant municipal planning department. The county govt URL (champaigncountyil.gov) is available.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Some local health departments (§410 ILCS 625/4(d)) may impose additional requirements; complaint-based inspection is the standard approach.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4, 2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903) uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level, not just food handler) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct sales only (in-state). Champaign County is home to the University of Illinois; Champaign County Health Care Consumers and the county health department administer local registration.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Illinois cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required, which covers handwashing and hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified and fermented foods require a food safety plan and pH testing documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Some local health departments (§410 ILCS 625/4(d)) may impose additional requirements; complaint-based inspection is the standard approach.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Champaign County (unincorporated areas) and cities (Champaign, Urbana, Savoy) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Champaign County Planning or relevant municipal planning department. The county govt URL (champaigncountyil.gov) is available.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food law permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and online (non-perishable items only via shipping within Illinois). No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale or restaurant sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Illinois cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Champaign County Health Care Consumers (local health dept registration); Champaign County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois state baseline applies. Champaign County (county seat: Urbana) is home to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food frameworks due to its prohibited-list approach. CFPM-level (Food Safety Manager) certification required — not just a basic food handler card. Registration with local health department up to \$50/year. 2025 amendment (PA 103-0903) made additional refinements. No Champaign County-specific overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.champaigncountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2082* · FIPS 17021 · Taylorville

Christian County

Population 33,247 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Christian County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Christian County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Christian County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Christian County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Christian County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Christian County in central IL; county seat Taylorville. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CLARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2018* · FIPS 17023 · Marshall

Clark County

Population 15,076 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Clark County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clark County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Clark County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clark County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Clark County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Clark County in east-central IL; county seat Marshall. UI Extension covers Clark, Crawford, Edgar counties jointly. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CLAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2019* · FIPS 17025 · Louisville

Clay County

Population 12,821 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Clay County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clay County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Clay County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clay County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Clay County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Clay County in south-central IL; county seat Louisville. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: CLINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2149* · FIPS 17027 · Carlyle

Clinton County

Population 37,087 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Clinton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Clinton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Clinton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Clinton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Clinton County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Clinton County in southern IL; county seat Carlyle (home of Carlyle Lake, largest man-made lake in IL). Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: COLES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2021* · FIPS 17029 · Charleston

Coles County

Population 46,423 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Coles County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Coles County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Coles County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Coles County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Coles County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Coles County in east-central IL; county seat Charleston (home of Eastern Illinois University). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: COOK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1324* · FIPS 17031 · Chicago

Cook CountyPopulation 5,225,367 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (In unincorporated Cook County, operators register with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). Chicago residents must register with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and obtain a CDPH food service sanitation certificate in addition to the ANSI-accredited CFPM certification required statewide. Many incorporated cities within Cook County (Arlington Heights, Chicago, Evanston, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Schaumburg, Skokie, Tinley Park, Des Plaines) have their own cottage food rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Unincorporated Cook County requires that home occupations be incidental to residential use. Home-rule cities within Cook County set their own rules; some require a home occupation permit. No specific Cook County cottage food home occupation permit requirement found for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation; applicant must consent to inspection access upon registration.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — In unincorporated Cook County, operators register with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). Chicago residents must register with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and obtain a CDPH food service sanitation certificate in addition to the ANSI-accredited CFPM certification required statewide. Many incorporated cities within Cook County (Arlington Heights, Chicago, Evanston, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Schaumburg, Skokie, Tinley Park, Des Plaines) have their own cottage food rules.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

State baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY

State baseline applies

HANDWASHING

State baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE

State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation; applicant must consent to inspection access upon registration.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Conditional — Unincorporated Cook County requires that home occupations be incidental to residential use. Home-rule cities within Cook County set their own rules; some require a home occupation permit. No specific Cook County cottage food home occupation permit requirement found for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct-to-consumer sales. CCDPH registration limits sales to direct consumer channels; retail walk-in customers to home are effectively prohibited by Cook County home occupation rules in unincorporated areas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

Cook County Code of Ordinances (home occupation provisions); CCDPH registration required under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Cook County has two distinct registration tracks: Chicago residents register with CDPH (additional sanitation certificate required); suburban Cook County residents register with CCDPH. Chicago's DCASE-sponsored farmers markets prohibit cottage food sales; independent Chicago farmers markets (CIFM) allow them. CCDPH application form requires Food Service Sanitation Manager Certificate (ANSI CFPM level). Some products not on standard list require lab testing to confirm non-PHF status. Note that state law was updated in 2022 (PA 102-0633) and 2025 (PA 103-0903) with broader allowed foods, but CCDPH application form from 2021/2022 vintage may not reflect all 2025 expansions.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://cookcountypublichealth.org>

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/planning-and-development>

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov>

<https://cookcountypublichealth.org/environmental-health/food-safety-resources/food-safety-forms/>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<http://www.extension.illinois.edu/cottage-food/chicago-cottage-food-operation-limitations>

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ILLINOIS: CRAWFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2022* · FIPS 17033 · Robinson

Crawford County

Population 18,388 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Crawford County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Crawford County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Crawford County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Crawford County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Crawford County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Crawford County in southeastern IL; county seat Robinson. UI Extension covers Clark, Crawford, Edgar counties jointly. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2023* · FIPS 17035 · Toledo

Cumberland County

Population 10,305 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Cumberland County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Cumberland County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Cumberland County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Cumberland County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Cumberland County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Cumberland County in southeastern IL; county seat Toledo. Very small rural county; may share health department services with adjacent county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: DE WITT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2024* · FIPS 17039 · Clinton

De Witt County

Population 15,319 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (De Witt County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (De Witt County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (De Witt County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — De Witt County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact De Witt County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. De Witt County in central IL; county seat Clinton. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: DEKALB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1229* · FIPS 17037 · Sycamore

DeKalb County

Population 100,686 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Sycamore and other municipalities in DeKalb County (including DeKalb city, home to Northern Illinois University) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific DeKalb County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-triggered. DeKalb County Health Department administers registration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-triggered. DeKalb County Health Department administers registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sycamore and other municipalities in DeKalb County (including DeKalb city, home to Northern Illinois University) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific DeKalb 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 in-state sales. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific DeKalb County code section identified. State law governs: 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

DeKalb County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. DeKalb County is in the Chicago exurban area with NIU in DeKalb city. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: DOUGLAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2025* · FIPS 17041 · Tuscola

Douglas County

Population 19,824 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Douglas County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Douglas County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Douglas County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Douglas County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Douglas County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Douglas County in east-central IL; county seat Tuscola. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: DUPAGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1196* · FIPS 17043 · Wheaton

DuPage CountyPopulation 930,559 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4; 2022 amendment PA 102-0633) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Home kitchen allowed under state cottage food law. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. State law preempts local contradictory restrictions in most cases, but some local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (DuPage County zoning governs home occupations for unincorporated areas. Most areas in DuPage County are incorporated municipalities (Wheaton, Naperville, Aurora, etc.) with their own home occupation permit rules. Contact the relevant municipality's planning department or DuPage County Planning & Zoning for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) may inspect upon complaint. No routine home inspections for cottage food.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen allowed under state cottage food law. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. State law preempts local contradictory restrictions in most cases, but some local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification implies comprehensive handwashing/sanitation knowledge
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; perishable items may be sold directly but not shipped

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) may inspect upon complaint. No routine home inspections for cottage food.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — DuPage County zoning governs home occupations for unincorporated areas. Most areas in DuPage County are incorporated municipalities (Wheaton, Naperville, Aurora, etc.) with their own home occupation permit rules. Contact the relevant municipality's planning department or DuPage County Planning & Zoning for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales statewide (not just farmers markets since 2022 amendment). Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; DuPage County Health Department registration required; municipal home occupation ordinances vary

RESEARCH NOTES

DuPage County follows Illinois state baseline for cottage food. Registration with the DuPage County Health Department required (up to \$50/year fee). CFPM (Food Safety Manager) certification required under state law. DuPage County is largely suburban/incorporated — most residents fall under municipal rather than county zoning. No DuPage-specific cottage food ordinance restricting or expanding the state baseline was found. Confidence medium as DuPage County Health Department page was not directly accessed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.dupagehealth.org>

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov/planning>

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ILLINOIS: EDGAR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2026* · FIPS 17045 · Paris

Edgar County

Population 16,398 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Edgar County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Edgar County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Edgar County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Edgar County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Edgar County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Edgar County in east-central IL on Indiana border; county seat Paris. UI Extension covers Clark, Crawford, Edgar counties jointly. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: EDWARDS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2027* · FIPS 17047 · Albion

Edwards County

Population 5,984 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Edwards County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Edwards County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Edwards County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Edwards County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Edwards County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Edwards County in southeastern IL; county seat Albion. One of the smallest IL counties by population; may share health department with adjacent Wabash or Wayne. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2028* · FIPS 17049 · Effingham

Effingham County

Population 34,602 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Effingham County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Effingham County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Effingham County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Effingham County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Effingham County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Effingham County in south-central IL; county seat Effingham (major I-57/I-70 crossroads). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: FAYETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2029* · FIPS 17051 · Vandalia

Fayette County

Population 21,157 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Fayette County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fayette County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Fayette County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Fayette County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Fayette County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Fayette County in south-central IL; county seat Vandalia (former state capital). Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: FORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2030* · FIPS 17053 · Paxton

Ford County

Population 13,451 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Ford County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Ford County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Ford County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Ford County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Ford County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Ford County in east-central IL; county seat Paxton. Very rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2031* · FIPS 17055 · Benton

Franklin County

Population 37,033 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Franklin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Franklin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Franklin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Franklin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Franklin County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Franklin County in southern IL; county seat Benton. Coal country, rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: FULTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2032* · FIPS 17057 · Lewistown

Fulton County

Population 32,510 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Fulton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fulton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Fulton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Fulton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Fulton County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Fulton County in west-central IL; county seat Lewistown. Rural agricultural county along Illinois River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: GALLATIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1995* · FIPS 17059 · Shawneetown

Gallatin County

Population 4,690 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Gallatin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Gallatin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Gallatin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Gallatin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Gallatin County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Gallatin County in far southeastern IL; county seat Shawneetown (historic Ohio River town). Very small population; may share health department services. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: GREENE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1996* · FIPS 17061 · Carrollton

Greene County

Population 11,417 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Greene County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Greene County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Greene County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Greene County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Greene County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Greene County in west-central IL; county seat Carrollton. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: GRUNDY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1213* · FIPS 17063 · Morris

Grundy County

Population 52,624 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Grundy County is in the exurban Chicago area.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Grundy County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Grundy County is in the I-80 corridor southwest of Chicago (Morris). Contact Grundy County Health Department in Morris.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Grundy County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Grundy County is in the exurban Chicago area.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Grundy County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Registration required with Grundy County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Grundy County is in the I-80 corridor southwest of Chicago (Morris). Contact Grundy County Health Department in Morris.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales and in-state shipping allowed for non-perishable items.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in IL statute.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; registration with Grundy County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Grundy County is an exurban county in northeast Illinois (I-80 corridor). No county-specific overrides found. State IL baseline applies with CFPM-level certification requirement.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: HAMILTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1997* · FIPS 17065 · McLeansboro

Hamilton County

Population 7,818 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Hamilton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hamilton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Hamilton County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hamilton County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Hamilton County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Hamilton County in southern IL; county seat McLeansboro. Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: HANCOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1998* · FIPS 17067 · Carthage

Hancock County

Population 17,008 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Hancock County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hancock County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Hancock County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hancock County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Hancock County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Hancock County in western IL; county seat Carthage. Rural agricultural county near Nauvoo. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: HARDIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1999* · FIPS 17069 · Elizabethtown

Hardin County

Population 3,550 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Hardin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hardin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Hardin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hardin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Hardin County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Hardin County in far southeastern IL; county seat Elizabethtown (on Ohio River). Smallest IL county; shares some services with adjacent counties. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: HENDERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2000* · FIPS 17071 · Oquawka

Henderson County

Population 6,048 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Henderson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Henderson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Henderson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Henderson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Henderson County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Henderson County in western IL; county seat Oquawka. Very small rural agricultural county on Mississippi River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: HENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1199* · FIPS 17073 · Cambridge

Henry County

Population 49,157 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with Henry County Health Department required (up to \$50/year).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Henry County and City of Cambridge may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Henry County Planning/Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may occur upon complaint. Henry County Health Department administers registration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with Henry County Health Department required (up to \$50/year).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required through CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may occur upon complaint. Henry County Health Department administers registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Henry County and City of Cambridge may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Henry County Planning/Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Henry County zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has a highly permissive cottage food law. Henry County IL (not to be confused with Henry County VA) is in western Illinois near the Quad Cities. No county-specific cottage food ordinances found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: IROQUOIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2001* · FIPS 17075 · Watseka

Iroquois County

Population 26,067 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Iroquois County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Iroquois County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Iroquois County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Iroquois County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Iroquois County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Iroquois County in east-central IL on Indiana border; county seat Watseka. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1238* · FIPS 17077 · Murphysboro

Jackson County

Population 53,176 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Jackson County includes Carbondale (Southern Illinois University).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Jackson County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Jackson County Health Department (up to \$50/year). City of Carbondale (SIU) may have additional requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Jackson County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Jackson County includes Carbondale (Southern Illinois University).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific IL state or Jackson County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Jackson County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Registration required with Jackson County Health Department (up to \$50/year). City of Carbondale (SIU) may have additional requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales and in-state shipping allowed for non-perishable items.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in IL statute.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; registration with Jackson County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Jackson County includes Carbondale (Southern Illinois University). No county-specific overrides found. State IL baseline applies with registration through Jackson County Health Department. IL's CFPM-level certification is more demanding than most states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: JASPER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2106* · FIPS 17079 · Newton

Jasper County

Population 9,092 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Jasper County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jasper County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Jasper County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jasper County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Jasper County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Jasper County in southeastern IL; county seat Newton. Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2126* · FIPS 17081 · Mount Vernon

Jefferson County

Population 36,107 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Jefferson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jefferson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Jefferson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jefferson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Jefferson County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Jefferson County in southern IL; county seat Mount Vernon. Regional center for southern IL. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: JERSEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2103* · FIPS 17083 · Jerseyville

Jersey County

Population 21,150 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Jersey County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jersey County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Jersey County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jersey County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Jersey County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Jersey County in southwestern IL; county seat Jerseyville. Rural agricultural county along Mississippi River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2102* · FIPS 17085 · Galena

Jo Daviess County

Population 21,528 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Jo Daviess County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Jo Daviess County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Jo Daviess County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jo Daviess County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Jo Daviess County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Jo Daviess County in far northwestern IL; county seat Galena (historic lead mining town, tourism destination). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: JOHNSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2100* · FIPS 17087 · Vienna

Johnson County

Population 13,320 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Johnson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Johnson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Johnson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Johnson County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Johnson County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Johnson County in far southern IL (Shawnee National Forest region); county seat Vienna. Very rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: KANE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #913* · FIPS 17089 · Geneva

Kane County

Population 517,254 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must use primary residence kitchen on farm property or in home. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Registration with Kane County Health Department required. Prohibited foods: meat/poultry/fish/seafood, dairy/eggs except as non-PHF baked good ingredients, garlic in oil unless acidified, low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction in 410 ILCS 625/4; general sanitation standards

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Kane County Health Department FAQ confirms cottage food operations may be sold from home as long as local zoning regulations are not inconsistent with state law (per IDPH Cottage Food Guide page 32). Operators must check with local city planning or Kane County zoning for home occupation requirements. Each municipality in Kane County (Geneva, Aurora, Elgin, etc.) has its own zoning code. Kane County Health Department registration is required and is specific to the one home kitchen location.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection required; Kane County Health Department may inspect upon complaint or safety concern. A home kitchen may be inspected if there is a regulatory concern per Kane County FAQ.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must use primary residence kitchen on farm property or in home. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Registration with Kane County Health Department required. Prohibited foods: meat/poultry/fish/seafood, dairy/eggs except as non-PHF baked good ingredients, garlic in oil unless acidified, low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction in 410 ILCS 625/4; general sanitation standards
WATER SUPPLY	If on private well, water testing may be required per Kane County Health Department registration
HANDWASHING	Required by CFPM certification standards; no separate specific provision
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must be stored in primary residence

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection required; Kane County Health Department may inspect upon complaint or safety concern. A home kitchen may be inspected if there is a regulatory concern per Kane County FAQ.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Kane County Health Department FAQ confirms cottage food operations may be sold from home as long as local zoning regulations are not inconsistent with state law (per IDPH Cottage Food Guide page 32). Operators must check with local city planning or Kane County zoning for home occupation requirements. Each municipality in Kane County (Geneva, Aurora, Elgin, etc.) has its own zoning code. Kane County Health Department registration is required and is specific to the one home kitchen location.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only within Illinois. Farmers markets, events, home/online sales. No retail stores, restaurants, or third-party distributors. Currently no registration fee. Product changes require updating registration with Kane County Health Department.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Employees are allowed; all persons who prepare or package food must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4. Kane County Health Department Cottage Food Registration (kanehealth.com). Local zoning per municipality.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kane County Health Department official pages retrieved (kanehealth.com). FAQ confirms: registration specific to one home kitchen; employees allowed but must have CFPM; local zoning must be checked (cites IDPH Cottage Food Guide p. 32); no routine kitchen inspection except upon complaint/concern. Registration form confirms CFPM numbers required for all food preparers. Illinois state law (410 ILCS 625/4): prohibited-list approach — almost any non-PHF food allowed. Direct consumer sales only within Illinois, no retail/restaurant. Currently no registration fee. Confidence high: both official Kane County Health Department sources retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kanecountyil.gov>

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Cottage-Food-FAQ.aspx>

https://www.kanehealth.com/Documents/Environmental%20Fees%20Permits%20and%20Ordinances/2023%20Cottage%20Food%20Registration%20and%20Home%20Self-Cert%20Checklist%20Updated%2005_25_23.pdf

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ILLINOIS: KANKAKEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1228* · FIPS 17091 · Kankakee

Kankakee County

Population 107,421 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach allowing nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Some acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Kankakee and other municipalities in Kankakee County may have home occupation or home business zoning requirements. No specific Kankakee County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-triggered inspections. State preempts most local inspection requirements. Local health department (Kankakee County Health Department) administers registration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach allowing nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Some acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

HANDWASHING Standard handwashing required per food safety manager certification standards.

FOOD STORAGE Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha are prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED Upon-complaint — Complaint-triggered inspections. State preempts most local inspection requirements. Local health department (Kankakee County Health Department) administers registration.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Conditional — Kankakee and other municipalities in Kankakee County may have home occupation or home business zoning requirements. No specific Kankakee 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 in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Kankakee County code section identified. State law governs: 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kankakee County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Registration with Kankakee County Health Department required. CFPM certification required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: KENDALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2137* · FIPS 17093 · Yorkville

Kendall County

Population 132,795 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Kendall County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kendall County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Yorkville and other municipalities (Oswego, Plano) have their own ordinances. Kendall County is in the Chicago exurban area (fastest-growing Illinois county). Local home occupation permits may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Kendall County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Kendall County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required; dedicated handwashing facilities must be available.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products required for shipped items. Many categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Kendall County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kendall County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Yorkville and other municipalities (Oswego, Plano) have their own ordinances. Kendall County is in the Chicago exurban area (fastest-growing Illinois county). Local home occupation permits may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Kendall County Health Department registration under 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (IL) confirmed. Kendall County is the fastest-growing county in Illinois historically; rapidly suburbanizing exurban Chicago. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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ILLINOIS: KNOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1201* · FIPS 17095 · Galesburg

Knox County

Population 49,751 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with Knox County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Knox County and City of Galesburg may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Knox County Planning/Zoning and City of Galesburg planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may occur upon complaint. Knox County Health Department administers registration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with Knox County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required through CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales; perishable items may not be shipped.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may occur upon complaint. Knox County Health Department administers registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Knox County and City of Galesburg may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Knox County Planning/Zoning and City of Galesburg planning.
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, events, and farmers markets within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Knox County zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has a highly permissive cottage food law. Registration with Knox County Health Department required. Knox County includes Galesburg (home of Carl Sandburg birthplace). No Knox County-specific cottage food ordinances found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: LAKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1235* · FIPS 17097 · Waukegan

Lake County

Population 713,159 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act; 2022 amendment PA 102-0633) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State baseline applies. Registration with Lake County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Some local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Lake County is largely incorporated (Waukegan, North Chicago, Gurnee, Libertyville, Vernon Hills, etc.) with separate municipal home occupation permit rules. Contact relevant municipality's planning department. Lake County Planning, Building & Development governs unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Lake County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State baseline applies. Registration with Lake County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Some local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; perishables may be sold directly but not shipped

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Lake County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Lake County is largely incorporated (Waukegan, North Chicago, Gurnee, Libertyville, Vernon Hills, etc.) with separate municipal home occupation permit rules. Contact relevant municipality's planning department. Lake County Planning, Building & Development governs unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer statewide. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Lake County Health Department registration; municipal home occupation codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Lake County IL follows Illinois state baseline. Registration with the Lake County Health Department required. CFPM certification required under state law. No Lake County-specific modification of state cottage food rules found. The county is largely suburban Chicago with many incorporated municipalities.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/health>

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/planning>

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: LASALLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1214* · FIPS 17099 · Ottawa

LaSalle County

Population 109,495 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with the local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only; out-of-state shipping prohibited. Some acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Local municipalities within LaSalle County may require home occupation permits. The county seat Ottawa and other municipalities have zoning codes that may require a home business or home occupation approval. No specific LaSalle County-level cottage food home occupation ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State preempts most local inspection requirements; inspections triggered by complaint. Local health department may impose additional requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with the local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only; out-of-state shipping prohibited. Some acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per food safety manager certification standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods only. Acidified/fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test documentation.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State preempts most local inspection requirements; inspections triggered by complaint. Local health department may impose additional requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4(d).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Local municipalities within LaSalle County may require home occupation permits. The county seat Ottawa and other municipalities have zoning codes that may require a home business or home occupation approval. No specific LaSalle County-level cottage food home occupation ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. Home pickup, farmers markets, events all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific LaSalle County code section identified. State law governs: 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

LaSalle County has no county URLs in the input and no specific cottage food overrides were found. State baseline governs. Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food laws with its prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (LaSalle County Health Department in Ottawa). CFPM certification required — more stringent than most states. No county-specific rules found. Confidence medium as local zoning rules in Ottawa and other municipalities were not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: LAWRENCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2098* · FIPS 17101 · Lawrenceville

Lawrence County

Population 14,801 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Lawrence County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lawrence County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Lawrence County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lawrence County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Lawrence County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Lawrence County in southeastern IL on Indiana border; county seat Lawrenceville. Rural oil country. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: LEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2097* · FIPS 17103 · Dixon

Lee County

Population 33,544 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Lee County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lee County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Lee County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lee County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Lee County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Lee County in north-central IL; county seat Dixon (birthplace of Ronald Reagan). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2096* · FIPS 17105 · Pontiac

Livingston County

Population 35,375 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Livingston County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Livingston County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Livingston County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Livingston County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Livingston County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Livingston County in north-central IL; county seat Pontiac. Rural agricultural county. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: LOGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2094* · FIPS 17107 · Lincoln

Logan County

Population 27,518 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Logan County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Logan County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Logan County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Logan County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Logan County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Logan County in central IL; county seat Lincoln (named for Abraham Lincoln). Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MACON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1234* · FIPS 17115 · Decatur

Macon County

Population 103,542 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Decatur and other municipalities in Macon County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Macon County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-triggered. Macon County Health Department administers registration.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Direct in-state sales only. Acidified/fermented foods require additional documentation.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per CFPM certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-acid canned foods, sprouts, raw cut leafy greens, alcoholic beverages, kombucha are prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-triggered. Macon County Health Department administers registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Decatur and other municipalities in Macon County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Macon 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 in-state sales. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Macon County code section identified. State law governs: 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

Macon County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Decatur is the county seat. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: MACOUPIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2091* · FIPS 17117 · Carlinville

Macoupin County

Population 43,895 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Macoupin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Macoupin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Macoupin County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Macoupin County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Macoupin County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Macoupin County in west-central IL; county seat Carlinville. Coal and agricultural region. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1227* · FIPS 17119 · Edwardsville

Madison County

Population 265,512 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Madison County Health Department administers registration.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Madison County and municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Registration with Madison County Health Department is required for cottage food (up to \$50/year); health dept registration is distinct from a zoning home occupation permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; some local departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Madison County Health Department administers registration.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required, not just food handler card
FOOD STORAGE	Broad — most non-TCS foods allowed; acidified and fermented foods require additional documentation (food safety plan, pH test)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; some local departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Madison County and municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Registration with Madison County Health Department is required for cottage food (up to \$50/year); health dept registration is distinct from a zoning home occupation permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct in-state sales only; online sales allowed but non-perishable items only, shipped within Illinois. No out-of-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Madison County Health Department registration

RESEARCH NOTES

Madison County IL follows the state baseline (410 ILCS 625/4). Illinois has one of the nation's broadest cottage food laws with its prohibited-list approach. Local health department registration (up to \$50/year) required. CFPM-level certification required (unusual among states). No Madison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Madison County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.madisoncountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MARION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2090* · FIPS 17121 · Salem

Marion County

Population 36,437 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Marion County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Marion County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Marion County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Marion County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Marion County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Marion County in south-central IL; county seat Salem. Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MARSHALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2089* · FIPS 17123 · Lacon

Marshall County

Population 11,552 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Marshall County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Marshall County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Marshall County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Marshall County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Marshall County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Marshall County in north-central IL; county seat Lacon. Rural agricultural county along Illinois River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MASON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2088* · FIPS 17125 · Havana

Mason County

Population 12,543 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Mason County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Mason County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Mason County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Mason County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Mason County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Mason County in central IL; county seat Havana. Rural agricultural county along Illinois River. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MASSAC COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2087* · FIPS 17127 · Metropolis

Massac County

Population 13,627 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Massac County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Massac County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Massac County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Massac County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Massac County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required – manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Massac County in far southern IL on Ohio River; county seat Metropolis (Superman capital of the world). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2085* · FIPS 17109 · Macomb

McDonough County

Population 26,662 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (McDonough County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (McDonough County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (McDonough County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — McDonough County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact McDonough County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. McDonough County in west-central IL; county seat Macomb (home of Western Illinois University). No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MCHENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1932* · FIPS 17111 · Woodstock

McHenry County

Population 311,133 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4; no license required; no sales cap; food handler certificate required (ANAB-accredited); direct sales only; complaint-based inspection · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS foods (prohibited list approach); ANAB-accredited food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; no retail sales to restaurants or grocery stores; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (IL does not preempt local zoning. McHenry County municipalities (Woodstock, Crystal Lake, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local city/village planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (IL Dept of Public Health may investigate complaints)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods (prohibited list approach); ANAB-accredited food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; no retail sales to restaurants or grocery stores; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IL Dept of Public Health may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — IL does not preempt local zoning. McHenry County municipalities (Woodstock, Crystal Lake, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local city/village planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, home sales, online with direct delivery permitted; no retail/wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

IL has no sales cap but restricts to direct sales only and requires food handler cert. McHenry County is exurban Chicago. No county-specific cottage food overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: MCLEAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1262* · FIPS 17113 · Bloomington

McLean County

Population 171,284 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Most non-TCS foods allowed. Special documentation required for acidified/fermented foods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; CFPM certification training addresses food safety.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (McLean County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Registration with McLean County Health Department required for cottage food operations. County URLs were blank in input. Bloomington and Normal have separate municipal rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (McLean County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. Local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. Most non-TCS foods allowed. Special documentation required for acidified/fermented foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; CFPM certification training addresses food safety.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per CFPM standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; perishables not permitted except where explicitly allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — McLean County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. Local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — McLean County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Registration with McLean County Health Department required for cottage food operations. County URLs were blank in input. Bloomington and Normal have separate municipal rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide. Online sales with in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

McLean County (Bloomington-Normal area) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules beyond Illinois state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. McLean County Health Department administers cottage food registrations for unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: MENARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2086* · FIPS 17129 · Petersburg

Menard County

Population 11,963 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Menard County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Menard County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Menard County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM-level) certification required for all persons who prepare or package food. Inspection is complaint-based only. Illinois uses a prohibited-list approach — virtually all non-prohibited foods allowed for direct in-state consumer sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; if on private well, annual coliform testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required in kitchen
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have additional requirements

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Menard County local zoning ordinances may regulate home-based business activities (parking, signage, customer traffic). Illinois state cottage food law preempts local restrictions that are inconsistent with state law, but operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with the county zoning/planning office or municipality of residence.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. No third-party resale or distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; all food preparers/packagegers must hold CFPM certification

Relevant county code

Contact Menard County Health Department for local registration requirements under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (PA 102-0633 eff. Jan 1 2022; further amended PA 103-0903, 2025) is highly permissive with prohibited-list approach. Registration required with local health department (\$50/year cap). Food Safety Manager cert (CFPM) required — manager-level cert, not just food handler. All 43 counties in this batch are rural Illinois counties; state law strongly preempts contradictory local restrictions. Menard County in central IL; county seat Petersburg (near Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site). Rural. No county-specific cottage food deviations found. Local zoning may still regulate home occupation aspects (parking, signage, customer counts) consistent with state preemption. University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Stewardship Alliance offer county-level guidance. Research confirmed no county-specific overrides for these counties; medium confidence as county health dept websites not individually scraped.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: MERCER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2903* · FIPS 17131 · Aledo

Mercer County

Population 15,292 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: MONROE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2904* · FIPS 17133 · Waterloo

Monroe County

Population 34,969 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County Health Department website confirms registration with local health dept required (Application for Cottage Industry Registration), CFPM cert required, products sold at farmers markets with gross annual sales cap historically noted as \$25,000 (pre-2022 amendment language); current state law 410 ILCS 625/4 removed sales caps after 2022 PA 102-0633. State preemption applies; local zoning may regulate signage, parking, and customer counts but cannot prohibit compliant cottage food operations. Source: monroecountyhealth.org (cottage food act page, content may reflect pre-2022 amendment language). Defaulting to state baseline per 2022+ law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2908* · FIPS 17135 · Hillsboro

Montgomery County

Population 27,615 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: MORGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2910* · FIPS 17137 · Jacksonville

Morgan County

Population 32,618 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: MOULTRIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2899* · FIPS 17139 · Sullivan

Moultrie County

Population 14,365 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: OGLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1206* · FIPS 17141 · Oregon

Ogle County

Population 51,672 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test). Perishable items may not be shipped out of state.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ogle County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. City of Oregon and other municipalities within Ogle County have separate zoning codes. Recommend verifying with Ogle County Planning/Zoning and the City of Oregon.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may occur upon complaint. Local health department (Ogle County Health Department) administers registration and may inspect.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test). Perishable items may not be shipped out of state.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required through CFPM certification; no specific handwashing station requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales; products may not be shipped if perishable.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may occur upon complaint. Local health department (Ogle County Health Department) administers registration and may inspect.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ogle County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. City of Oregon and other municipalities within Ogle County have separate zoning codes. Recommend verifying with Ogle County Planning/Zoning and the City of Oregon.
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, events, and farmers markets within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Ogle County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food laws (prohibited list approach). Registration with Ogle County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. State law preempts most local restrictions. No Ogle County-specific cottage food ordinances found; local health department administers registration.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: PEORIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1244* · FIPS 17143 · Peoria

Peoria County

Population 181,186 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. No interstate shipping. Broad 'prohibited list' approach — most non-TCS foods allowed except meat, poultry, seafood, dairy, certain fermented items with special requirements, and kombucha.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; CFPM certification training addresses food safety practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Peoria County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under county zoning. State cottage food law requires registration with local health department. Peoria City has separate municipal zoning rules. County URLs were blank in input. If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health department may inspect upon complaint or suspicion of imminent health hazard. Per §410 ILCS 625/4(d), some local health departments may impose additional requirements.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois. No interstate shipping. Broad 'prohibited list' approach — most non-TCS foods allowed except meat, poultry, seafood, dairy, certain fermented items with special requirements, and kombucha.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; CFPM certification training addresses food safety practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per CFPM standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; perishables not permitted except where explicitly allowed.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health department may inspect upon complaint or suspicion of imminent health hazard. Per §410 ILCS 625/4(d), some local health departments may impose additional requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Peoria County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under county zoning. State cottage food law requires registration with local health department. Peoria City has separate municipal zoning rules. County URLs were blank in input. If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide allowed. Online sales with in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. Farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Peoria County zoning ordinance (home occupations); no specific county cottage food code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food laws due to its 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited, including acidified foods with extra documentation. 2022 amendment (PA 102-0633) was the major expansion. Peoria County government website confirmed at peoriacounty.gov but no county-specific cottage food regulations found. Peoria County health department administers registration for unincorporated areas; City of Peoria health department handles city registrations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.peoriacounty.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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ILLINOIS: PERRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2912* · FIPS 17145 · Pinckneyville

Perry County

Population 20,272 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: PIATT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2914* · FIPS 17147 · Monticello

Piatt County

Population 16,628 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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ILLINOIS: PIKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2916* · FIPS 17149 · Pittsfield

Pike County

Population 14,258 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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ILLINOIS: POPE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2920* · FIPS 17151 · Golconda

Pope County

Population 3,703 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

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INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: PULASKI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2887* · FIPS 17153 · Mound City

Pulaski County

Population 4,879 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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ILLINOIS: PUTNAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2891* · FIPS 17155 · Hennepin

Putnam County

Population 5,633 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: RANDOLPH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2894* · FIPS 17157 · Chester

Randolph County

Population 29,903 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: RICHLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2890* · FIPS 17159 · Olney

Richland County

Population 15,362 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2035* · FIPS 17161 · Rock Island

Rock Island County

Population 143,819 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with the local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specifically prohibited by state law, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions per good manufacturing practices during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Rock Island County zoning ordinance may require a home occupation permit in unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Rock Island, Moline, East Moline) have their own home occupation rules. Registration with the Rock Island County Health Department is required under state law.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) may inspect upon complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required for state registration, but local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with the local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specifically prohibited by state law, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions per good manufacturing practices during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Required; dedicated handwashing facilities must be available.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products must be stored in sealed, food-safe containers. Perishable items may be allowed for direct in-state sales but may not be shipped.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) may inspect upon complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required for state registration, but local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Rock Island County zoning ordinance may require a home occupation permit in unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Rock Island, Moline, East Moline) have their own home occupation rules. Registration with the Rock Island County Health Department is required under state law.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipping within Illinois only; out-of-state shipping prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Rock Island County Health Department registration under 410 ILCS 625/4

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (IL) confirmed: 410 ILCS 625/4, registration with local health department required, CFPM certification required. Rock Island County Health Department administers local registration. No specific county-level cottage food overrides found. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium as county-specific health/planning URLs not provided in input and not independently verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: SALINE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2924* · FIPS 17165 · Harrisburg

Saline County

Population 22,826 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: SANGAMON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1248* · FIPS 17167 · Springfield

Sangamon County

Population 196,122 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Sangamon County is home to Springfield, the state capital.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Sangamon County is home to Springfield, the state capital.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Illinois cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	CFPM-level Food Safety Manager certification required, covering handwashing and hygiene.
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified/fermented foods need food safety plan and pH test.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov .
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, home, and online (non-perishable items, shipping within Illinois only). No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Illinois cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Sangamon County Public Health Department (local registration); Sangamon County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois state baseline applies. Sangamon County (county seat: Springfield) is the home of the Illinois state government. Input data shows county_seat as blank; Springfield is the county seat (confirmed from general knowledge). No county-specific overrides found. Sangamon County Health Department handles local cottage food registration (up to \$50/year). CFPM-level certification required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sangamonil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: SCHUYLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2946* · FIPS 17169 · Rushville

Schuyler County

Population 6,750 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: SCOTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2925* · FIPS 17171 · Winchester

Scott County

Population 4,880 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: SHELBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2926* · FIPS 17173 · Shelbyville

Shelby County

Population 20,542 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1257* · FIPS 17163 · Belleville

St. Clair County

Population 256,791 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

· MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (St. Clair County and municipalities (Belleville, O'Fallon, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Registration with St. Clair County Health Department is required for cottage food; this is separate from zoning home occupation permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; SCCHD may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Prohibited-list approach — almost anything not on prohibited list allowed. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Registration with St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state statute; sanitary production required

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required

HANDWASHING Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required

FOOD STORAGE Broad — most non-TCS foods allowed; acidified and fermented foods require additional documentation

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED Upon-complaint — State law allows local health dept inspection upon complaint; SCCHD may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Conditional — St. Clair County and municipalities (Belleville, O'Fallon, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Registration with St. Clair County Health Department is required for cottage food; this is separate from zoning home occupation permit.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct in-state sales only; online sales allowed but non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only. Farmers markets, events, home pickup all permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; St. Clair County Health Department registration

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Clair County IL follows the Illinois state baseline (410 ILCS 625/4). CFPM-level certification required. Registration with local health dept (up to \$50/year). No St. Clair County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state requirements. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific St. Clair County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.st-clair.il.us>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: STARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2947* · FIPS 17175 · Toulon

Stark County

Population 5,272 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: STEPHENSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2927* · FIPS 17177 · Freeport

Stephenson County

Population 43,088 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: TAZEWELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2134* · FIPS 17179 · Pekin

Tazewell County

Population 131,276 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must register with local health department (Tazewell County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specifically prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Tazewell County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. Pekin and East Peoria (near Peoria metro area) have separate ordinances. Local home occupation permits may be required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Tazewell County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with local health department (Tazewell County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Online sales for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required; dedicated handwashing facilities must be available.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products for shipped items. Broader categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Tazewell County Health Department may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Tazewell County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. Pekin and East Peoria (near Peoria metro area) have separate ordinances. Local home occupation permits may be required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide. Online sales for non-perishable items within Illinois only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Tazewell County Health Department registration under 410 ILCS 625/4.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (IL) confirmed. Tazewell County is in central Illinois near Peoria. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: UNION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2928* · FIPS 17181 · Jonesboro

Union County

Population 16,886 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: VERMILION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1874* · FIPS 17183 · Danville

Vermilion County

Population 74,113 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: virtually everything not on prohibited list is allowed, including most non-PHF foods, baked goods, candies, condiments, pickles, salsas, fermented foods. Direct in-state sales only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Registration required with local health department (\$50/year max). If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department. Vermilion County health department administers registration. No Vermilion County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state registration requirement.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: virtually everything not on prohibited list is allowed, including most non-PHF foods, baked goods, candies, condiments, pickles, salsas, fermented foods. Direct in-state sales only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level, not just food handler) is required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must comply with applicable food safety standards. Acidified and fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Registration required with local health department (\$50/year max). If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department. Vermilion County health department administers registration. No Vermilion County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state registration requirement.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide (not just farmers markets per 2022 amendment). Online sales within Illinois only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified beyond the home kitchen operation framework.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4. No Vermilion County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4) uses a broad prohibited-list approach allowing almost everything not explicitly prohibited, including many items other states ban. CFPM-level food safety certification required. Local health department registration required (\$50/year max). 2022 amendment (PA 102-0633) expanded sales statewide. No Vermilion County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: WABASH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2929* · FIPS 17185 · Mount Carmel

Wabash County

Population 10,979 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: WARREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2930* · FIPS 17187 · Monmouth

Warren County

Population 16,217 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2932* · FIPS 17189 · Nashville

Washington County

Population 13,535 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: WAYNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2933* · FIPS 17191 · Fairfield

Wayne County

Population 15,928 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: WHITE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2934* · FIPS 17193 · Carmi

White County

Population 13,395 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rulesON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

ILLINOIS: WHITESIDE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1261* · FIPS 17195 · Morrison

Whiteside County

Population 55,569 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: almost anything not explicitly prohibited is allowed. Permitted items include most baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods (with extra requirements), snacks, beverages. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Whiteside County rule; standard sanitation applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Registration required with Whiteside County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d). Contact Whiteside County Health Department in Morrison.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health department (Whiteside County Health Department) may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED Yes — Prohibited-list approach: almost anything not explicitly prohibited is allowed. Permitted items include most baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods (with extra requirements), snacks, beverages. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales only within Illinois.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific IL state or Whiteside County rule; standard sanitation applies.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.

HANDWASHING Covered under CFPM certification requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Perishable items must be sold direct in-person. Acidified and fermented foods have special documentation requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED Upon-complaint — Local health department (Whiteside County Health Department) may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Conditional — Registration required with Whiteside County Health Department (up to \$50/year). Local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d). Contact Whiteside County Health Department in Morrison.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in IL statute.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; registration with Whiteside County Health Department

RESEARCH NOTES

Whiteside County is a rural northwest Illinois county. No county-specific overrides found. State baseline applies with registration through Whiteside County Health Department. IL's prohibited-list approach allows very broad food types compared to most states. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level, not just food handler) is required — notably stricter than many states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

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

ILLINOIS: WILL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1230* · FIPS 17197 · Joliet

Will County

Population 696,774 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act; 2022 amendment PA 102-0633) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State baseline applies. Registration with Will County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Some local health departments may impose additional requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Will County is a mix of incorporated cities (Joliet, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Naperville portion, Plainfield, etc.) and unincorporated areas. Contact the relevant municipality's planning/zoning department for home occupation permit. Will County Land Use Department governs unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Will County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State baseline applies. Registration with Will County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Some local health departments may impose additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; perishables sold directly but not shipped

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Will County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Will County is a mix of incorporated cities (Joliet, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Naperville portion, Plainfield, etc.) and unincorporated areas. Contact the relevant municipality's planning/zoning department for home occupation permit. Will County Land Use Department governs unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer statewide. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Will County Health Department registration; municipal home occupation codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Will County follows Illinois state baseline. Registration with Will County Health Department required. CFPM required under state law. No Will County-specific modification of state cottage food rules found. Will County is rapidly growing suburban Chicago area.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.willcountyhealth.org>

<https://www.willcountyillinois.com/departments/planning>

<https://www.willcountyillinois.com>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1890* · FIPS 17199 · Marion

Williamson County

Population 67,120 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or indirect sales. Non-TCS non-PHF foods only. Prohibited: acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fermented foods, meat jerkies, PHF baked goods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Williamson County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Marion has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No sales cap. Food handler certification (specific course) required. Registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or indirect sales. Non-TCS non-PHF foods only. Prohibited: acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fermented foods, meat jerkies, PHF baked goods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Required as part of food handler certification
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Williamson County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Marion has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; delivery by producer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois Great-tier state. Williamson County is in Southern Illinois near Kentucky border. Some lab-tested items (certain frostings, macarons, pecan pies) may be allowed with prior product testing. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1925* · FIPS 17201 · Rockford

Winnebago County

Population 284,591 · State baseline: 410 ILCS 625/4; no license required; no sales cap; food handler certificate required (ANAB-accredited); direct sales only; complaint-based inspection · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS foods (prohibited list approach); ANAB-accredited food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (IL does not preempt local zoning. Winnebago County and City of Rockford may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (IL Dept of Public Health complaint-based)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods (prohibited list approach); ANAB-accredited food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IL Dept of Public Health complaint-based
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — IL does not preempt local zoning. Winnebago County and City of Rockford may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, home sales, online with direct delivery; no retail/wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Same IL state baseline as McHenry County. Winnebago County includes Rockford (IL's second-largest city). No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://wincoil.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

ILLINOIS: WOODFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2935* · FIPS 17203 · Eureka

Woodford County

Population 38,290 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found that overrides state law. Illinois 410 ILCS 625/4 preempts local rules inconsistent with state law (2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903 amendments). Local zoning may regulate signage, customer traffic, and parking at home sales locations but cannot prohibit or restrict allowed foods/venues inconsistently with state law. Registration required with local county health department (up to \$50/year); CFPM-level food safety certificate required. No sales cap. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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Questions?

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<https://crosodo.com/nb/illinois-discuss>