COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Indiana

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Ind. Code §16-42-5.2.

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Ind. Code §16-42-5.2	Great	B	92	2026-05-05

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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

Indiana Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Indiana State Department of Health · Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · Indiana State Department of Health · https://www.in.gov/localhealth/unioncounty/files/2022-10-05-House-Enrolled-Act-1149-Home-Based-Vendors.pdf

Indiana's cottage food rules are set by Ind. Code §16-42-5.2. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Indiana?

- Indiana Code Title 16, Article 42, Chapter 5.3 — Home Based Food Products (enacted as HEA 1149, 2022; prior law under Chapter 5.2)

What is the annual sales cap?

- None

Is registration or a permit required?

- No

Is a food handler certificate required?

- Yes (specific course)

Are kitchen inspections required?

- Upon-complaint

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Home-based vendors may sell most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods, including baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, and similar shelf-stable items.
- Whole eggs, traditional pickles not stored in oxygen-sealed containers, and whole chickens or rabbits raised by the vendor (with restrictions) are also allowed.

What foods are prohibited?

- Perishable baked goods requiring refrigeration, acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited. Interstate sales and wholesale/catering are not permitted under this law.

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels or point-of-sale signs must include: business name, home address, product name, date produced, ingredients, and the statement 'This product is home produced and processed and the production area has not been inspected by the state department of health. NOT FOR RESALE.' Net weight/count is also required.

Statute excerpt

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2

What does the Indiana cottage food statute say?

- SECTION 4. IC 16-42-5.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER Chapter 5.3. Home Based Food Products Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "end consumer" [means a] person who is the last person to purchase any food product and who does not resell the food product. Sec. 2. A person may prepare and sell food products as a home based vendor if the person complies with the requirements of this chapter. Sec. 3.
- The production and sale of food products by a home based vendor in accordance with this chapter are exempt from the requirements of this title that apply to food establishments. Sec. 4. A home based vendor shall prepare and sell only a food product that is [a non-potentially hazardous food]. Sec. 5.
- (a) A home based vendor shall include a label for packaged food or a sign for unpackaged food that contains the following information: [business name, address, product name, date produced, ingredients, net weight, and statement that product is home produced and not inspected by state department of health]. Sec. 6. (a) A home based vendor may not ship or deliver a food product to an end consumer who is located outside Indiana. Sec. 7.
- (a) A home based vendor shall obtain a food handler certificate from a certificate issuer that is accredited by the [American National Standards Institute]. Sec. 8. (a) A home based vendor is subject to food sampling and inspection if [there is a complaint or reason to believe a violation exists].

Official sources

Where should I verify these rules?

- State agency cottage food page: https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/
- Statute: http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

Summarized from official Indiana cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Indiana 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 92 Indiana counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION
Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION
Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)
No — Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

RESEARCH NOTES

The 2022 HEA 1149 created a new chapter IC 16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products) as the operative cottage food law; the input citation of §16-42-5.2 reflects prior law (farmers market vendors). The statute URL in the input returns a 500 error; the enrolled act PDF on in.gov was used as the primary source. The 2022 law added food handler certification requirement, removed the farmers market/roadside stand venue restriction (sales now allowed from home, online, etc.), and preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. An earlier 2021 SB 185 had added acidified products with pH testing, but HEA 1149 reversed that and currently prohibits acidified foods. Producers wanting to sell acidified products must obtain a food establishment license. A food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to the local health department.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT INDIANA

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?
Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?
No

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?
Upon-complaint

SALES CAP
—

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?
No (Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands 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 INDIANA

- Indiana 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 Indiana State Department of Health.
- Annual sales cap: see statute section.
- Direct vs indirect sales: No (Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.).

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 Indiana.

Indiana Code Title 16, Article 42, Chapter 5.3 — Home Based Food Products (enacted as HEA 1149, 2022; prior law under Chapter 5.2)

CITATION
Ind. Code §16-42-5.2

ENACTED
2009

LAST AMENDED
2022

CONFIDENCE
MEDIUM

Allowed foods

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Prohibited foods

Perishable baked goods requiring refrigeration, acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited. Interstate sales and wholesale/catering are not permitted under this law.

Labeling requirements

Labels or point-of-sale signs must include: business name, home address, product name, date produced, ingredients, and the statement 'This product is home produced and processed and the production area has not been inspected by the state department of health. NOT FOR RESALE.' Net weight/count is also required.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

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Source: https://www.in.gov/localhealth/unioncounty/files/2022-10-05-House-Enrolled-Act-1149-Home-Based-Vendors.pdf

Official sources

Statute http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

State dept page https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/

Extension service https://extension.purdue.edu/foodlink/

Forrager.com https://forrager.com/law/indiana/

State dept of agriculture / health: **Indiana State Department of 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 92 Indiana 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.

INDIANA: ADAMS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2936* · FIPS 18001 · Decatur

Adams County

Population 36,584 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/adams-county-discuss

INDIANA: ALLEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2805* · FIPS 18003 · Fort Wayne

Allen County

Population 385,456 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Conditional (Indiana Home-Based Vendor law (Ind. Code §16-42-5.2/5.3) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchen with no registration or permit at state level. Direct sales only (no wholesale/catering). Allowed: baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices, low-acid canned foods, meat jerkies. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Fort Wayne requires home occupation zoning permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Fort Wayne zoning code requires a home occupation zoning permit for home-based businesses. Business must be secondary to residential use; no on-site employees; no external evidence of business activity; limited customer visits. Food sales from home specifically noted as allowed under Indiana Home-Based Vendor Law (IC §16-42-5.2). Allen County Health Dept: 260-449-7561.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Allen County Health Department may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Indiana Home-Based Vendor law (Ind. Code §16-42-5.2/5.3) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchen with no registration or permit at state level. Direct sales only (no wholesale/catering). Allowed: baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices, low-acid canned foods, meat jerkies. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Fort Wayne requires home occupation zoning permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products. No oxygen-sealed containers for fermented products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Allen County Health Department may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Fort Wayne zoning code requires a home occupation zoning permit for home-based businesses. Business must be secondary to residential use; no on-site employees; no external evidence of business activity; limited customer visits. Food sales from home specifically noted as allowed under Indiana Home-Based Vendor Law (IC §16-42-5.2). Allen County Health Dept: 260-449-7561.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. Sales from home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	None on-site per Fort Wayne zoning rules.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (2022 Home-Based Food Products law); Fort Wayne Zoning Code (home occupation permit provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana home-based vendor law confirmed from state baseline. Fort Wayne home occupation zoning permit requirement confirmed via CityRuleLookup (Municode source). Food handler certificate required at state level. 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from adding licensing/inspection requirements above state law. Allen County Health Dept contact confirmed from Fort Wayne business guide. Confidence medium: state law and Fort Wayne zoning confirmed; Allen County-specific health dept process not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/fort-wayne-in

https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1381/Starting-a-Business-Resource-Guide---Permits-Licenses-and-Taxes-PDF

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

INDIANA: BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2114* · FIPS 18005 · Columbus

Bartholomew County

Population 82,371 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus may have home occupation ordinances. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors but local zoning may still apply. Check with Bartholomew County Planning or City of Columbus.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus may have home occupation ordinances. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors but local zoning may still apply. Check with Bartholomew County Planning or City of Columbus.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Bartholomew County-specific cottage food code identified. Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bartholomew County (Columbus, IN) follows Indiana home-based vendor law. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

INDIANA: BENTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2937* · FIPS 18007 · Fowler

Benton County

Population 8,853 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/benton-county-discuss

INDIANA: BLACKFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2938* · FIPS 18009 · Hartford City

Blackford County

Population 11,816 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/blackford-county-discuss

INDIANA: BOONE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1865* · FIPS 18011 · Lebanon

Boone County

Population 71,235 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Boone County is a fast-growing suburban county adjacent to Indianapolis. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Lebanon has its own zoning. 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. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesale or catering. No perishable baked goods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned foods.
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 training
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. Boone County is a fast-growing suburban county adjacent to Indianapolis. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Lebanon has its own zoning. 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 delivery to consumer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana Great-tier state. Boone County is rapidly growing suburban area. No county-specific sources available. State law is primary framework. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: BROWN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2939* · FIPS 18013 · Nashville

Brown County

Population 15,650 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2940* · FIPS 18015 · Delphi

Carroll County

Population 20,747 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: CASS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2941* · FIPS 18017 · Logansport

Cass County

Population 37,559 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: CLARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2161* · FIPS 18019 · Jeffersonville

Clark County

Population 121,484 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products, enacted 2022); no sales cap; no registration; food handler cert required; direct sales only; no acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. No registration required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Clark County and Jeffersonville city may have general home occupation zoning permits. No specific Clark County cottage food overlay found. Indiana state law is clear that local governments cannot impose additional requirements beyond zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana state law prohibits local health departments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. No registration required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited course) required; must be provided to local health department.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable (non-PHF) products. Fermented products allowed if not in oxygen-sealed containers. Acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers are prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana state law prohibits local health departments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Clark County and Jeffersonville city may have general home occupation zoning permits. No specific Clark County cottage food overlay found. Indiana state law is clear that local governments cannot impose additional requirements beyond zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Indiana allows direct sales only: from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. Interstate sales and acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (IN tier Great). Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 created strong protections for home-based vendors. Clark County is across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY. No county-specific URLs provided in input. State preemption of local licensing/inspection is explicit. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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INDIANA: CLAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2942* · FIPS 18021 · Brazil

Clay County

Population 26,424 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: CLINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2943* · FIPS 18023 · Frankfort

Clinton County

Population 32,895 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: CRAWFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2944* · FIPS 18025 · English

Crawford County

Population 10,523 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/crawford-county-discuss

INDIANA: DAVIESS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2945* · FIPS 18027 · Washington

Daviess County

Population 34,097 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: DEARBORN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1202* · FIPS 18029 · Lawrenceburg

Dearborn County

Population 50,709 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Home kitchen required. Most nonperishable non-potentially hazardous foods allowed. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. Direct-to-consumer sales only (home, online, events, farmers markets). No acidified foods, pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices, low-acid canned foods, or meat jerkies.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (No specific Dearborn County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated areas and City of Lawrenceburg may have separate home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Dearborn County Area Plan Commission.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Local health departments are preempted from adding licensing or inspection requirements. May inspect on complaint or foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home kitchen required. Most nonperishable non-potentially hazardous foods allowed. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. Direct-to-consumer sales only (home, online, events, farmers markets). No acidified foods, pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices, low-acid canned foods, or meat jerkies.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation required as part of food handler certification compliance.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Local health departments are preempted from adding licensing or inspection requirements. May inspect on complaint or foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Dearborn County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated areas and City of Lawrenceburg may have separate home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Dearborn County Area Plan Commission.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed from home, online, events, and farmers markets within Indiana. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2; HEA 1149 (2022); Dearborn County Area Plan Commission zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana's 2022 HEA 1149 created a new home-based vendor framework. Food handler certificate required. State preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. No Dearborn County-specific rules found. Dearborn County borders Ohio and Kentucky near Cincinnati metro area.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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INDIANA: DECATUR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2898* · FIPS 18031 · Greensburg

Decatur County

Population 26,421 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: DEKALB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2885* · FIPS 18033 · Auburn

DeKalb County

Population 44,330 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: DELAWARE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2092* · FIPS 18035 · Muncie

Delaware County

Population 112,156 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products, enacted 2022); no sales cap; no registration; food handler cert required; direct sales only; no acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection for home-based vendors. Delaware County unincorporated areas or Muncie city may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Delaware County Planning or Muncie city zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana preempts local licensing/inspection. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; must be provided to local health department.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable (non-PHF) products. Fermented products allowed if not in oxygen-sealed containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana preempts local licensing/inspection. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection for home-based vendors. Delaware County unincorporated areas or Muncie city may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Delaware County Planning or Muncie city zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Indiana allows direct sales only: from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (IN tier Great). Delaware County includes Muncie (home of Ball State University, pop ~67K). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: DUBOIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2886* · FIPS 18037 · Jasper

Dubois County

Population 43,629 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: ELKHART COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #525* · FIPS 18039 · Goshen

Elkhart County

Population 206,841 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) allows sales of most non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods from home, online, and at events. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; must be provided to local health department. No sales cap. No routine inspection. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Direct sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Indiana home-based vendor statute. Standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Indiana state law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based food vendors. However, Elkhart County and municipalities (Goshen, Elkhart City, Mishawaka area, Nappanee) may still have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Elkhart County Plan Commission or relevant municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local government from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. No routine inspections. Local health department may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) allows sales of most non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods from home, online, and at events. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; must be provided to local health department. No sales cap. No routine inspection. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Direct sales only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Indiana home-based vendor statute. Standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Indiana home-based vendor law.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required, which covers handwashing and hygiene. Certificate must be provided to local health department.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; no refrigerated items. Standard GMP storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local government from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. No routine inspections. Local health department may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Indiana state law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based food vendors. However, Elkhart County and municipalities (Goshen, Elkhart City, Mishawaka area, Nappanee) may still have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Elkhart County Plan Commission or relevant municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Indiana home-based vendor law (2022) allows sales from home, online, farmers markets, and other venues. Home pickup and delivery permitted. No sales cap. Acidified foods remain prohibited (require separate food establishment license).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Indiana home-based vendor statute. Home occupation zoning may apply restrictions.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (operative home-based vendor section, enacted HEA 1149, 2022); Elkhart County Plan Commission zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana state baseline applies. Elkhart County (county seat: Goshen) is in northern Indiana and is a major manufacturing/RV industry hub. Note: the operative statute is IC 16-42-5.3 (created by HEA 1149, 2022); the input cites IC 16-42-5.2 which is the prior farmers market vendor law. The 2022 law removed venue restrictions and preempted local licensing/inspection requirements. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, etc.) remain prohibited under this law. No county-specific URLs or overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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

INDIANA: FAYETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2901* · FIPS 18041 · Connersville

Fayette County

Population 23,335 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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INDIANA: FLOYD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2109* · FIPS 18043 · New Albany

Floyd County

Population 80,191 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Floyd County and the City of New Albany (across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Floyd County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Floyd County Planning or City of New Albany.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Floyd County and the City of New Albany (across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Floyd County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Floyd County Planning or City of New Albany.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Floyd County-specific cottage food code identified. Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Floyd County (New Albany) is in the Louisville metro area across the Ohio River. Follows Indiana home-based vendor law. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

INDIANA: FOUNTAIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2919* · FIPS 18045 · Covington

Fountain County

Population 16,833 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/fountain-county-discuss

INDIANA: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2918* · FIPS 18047 · Brookville

Franklin County

Population 23,136 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/franklin-county-discuss

INDIANA: FULTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2911* · FIPS 18049 · Rochester

Fulton County

Population 20,004 · 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. Indiana IC 16-42-5.3, Sec. 12 explicitly prohibits local government from requiring any licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. State law fully preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; no registration/permit required. No sales cap. Indiana HB 1424 (signed March 2026, effective July 1, 2026) further loosens regulations; not yet in effect as of research date. 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/indiana/fulton-county-discuss

INDIANA: GIBSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1153* · FIPS 18051 · Princeton

Gibson County

Population 33,308 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Gibson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Gibson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Gibson County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Gibson County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Gibson County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: GRANT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1863* · FIPS 18053 · Marion

Grant County

Population 66,560 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Grant County includes the City of Marion. 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. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesale or catering. No perishable baked goods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned foods.
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 training
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. Grant County includes the City of Marion. 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 delivery to consumer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana Great-tier state. Grant County is in north-central Indiana. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

INDIANA: GREENE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1171* · FIPS 18055 · Bloomfield

Greene County

Population 31,921 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Greene County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Greene County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Greene County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Greene County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Greene County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: HAMILTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1980* · FIPS 18057 · Noblesville

Hamilton County

Population 349,527 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (HBV); food handler certificate required (ANAB-accredited); no license; direct sales only; no annual sales cap · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Food prepared at producer's primary residence only; non-TCS foods only; ANAB-accredited food handler certificate required; label must state product not for resale and not inspected)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Good sanitation practices required; no specific state pet rule but kitchen cleanliness standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Hamilton County Health Dept page (hamiltoncounty.in.gov/268/Home-Based-Vendors) addresses HBV state rules. Local municipalities (Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Westfield) may require home occupation permits under their zoning ordinances; operator should verify with local city planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (IDOH may investigate complaints of unsafe food or foodborne illness; no routine inspections)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Food prepared at producer's primary residence only; non-TCS foods only; ANAB-accredited food handler certificate required; label must state product not for resale and not inspected
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Good sanitation practices required; no specific state pet rule but kitchen cleanliness standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required
FOOD STORAGE	Stored in sanitary conditions at residence

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — IDOH may investigate complaints of unsafe food or foodborne illness; no routine inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Hamilton County Health Dept page (hamiltoncounty.in.gov/268/Home-Based-Vendors) addresses HBV state rules. Local municipalities (Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Westfield) may require home occupation permits under their zoning ordinances; operator should verify with local city planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	In-person, telephone, internet sales allowed; delivery in-person, by mail, or third-party carrier within Indiana only; not for resale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Hamilton County Health Dept has a dedicated HBV page confirming state rules apply. County is one of fastest-growing in Indiana; multiple incorporated cities each with own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay beyond state rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov
https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/
https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/268/Home-Based-Vendors
https://ag.purdue.edu/department/foodsci/home-based-vendors.html

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

INDIANA: HANCOCK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1221* · FIPS 18059 · Greenfield

Hancock County

Population 80,170 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen. Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Hancock County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen. Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor foods. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Hancock County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, online, shipped within Indiana, and delivered to the end consumer. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers. All sales must be direct to the end consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Operation must be conducted by the home-based vendor; no employee restrictions specified in the state cottage food statute, but state law limits to the individual vendor's primary residence.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). The Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms that local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply; vendors are encouraged to contact their local municipality to verify zoning. Hancock County Health Department administers the required ANSI-accredited food handler certificate. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no specific county ordinance found).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

https://www.hancockin.gov/224/Food-Establishment-Permit-Application

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INDIANA: HARRISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1170* · FIPS 18061 · Corydon

Harrison County

Population 40,515 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Harrison County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Harrison County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Harrison County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Harrison County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Harrison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: HENDRICKS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1258* · FIPS 18063 · Danville

Hendricks County

Population 175,639 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (updated to IC 16-42-5.3 per 2022 HEA 1149) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. Hendricks County may require home occupation zoning permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification training.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. Hendricks County may require home occupation zoning permit for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery. No sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

IC 16-42-5.3; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hendricks County (suburban Indianapolis) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules beyond Indiana state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. State preempts local licensing/inspection requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: HENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1169* · FIPS 18065 · New Castle

Henry County

Population 47,972 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Henry County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Henry County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Henry County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Henry County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Henry County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: HOWARD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2115* · FIPS 18067 · Kokomo

Howard County

Population 83,452 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Only non-potentially hazardous non-TCS foods allowed. No acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), no perishable baked goods, no low-acid canned foods. Direct sales only within Indiana. Whole eggs, traditional pickles not in oxygen-sealed containers, nut butters, syrups, and dried goods are allowed.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Howard County and the City of Kokomo may have home occupation ordinances. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements specifically for home-based vendor operations, but local zoning rules may still apply. Producers should check with Howard County Planning or City of Kokomo zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint. Indiana law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Only non-potentially hazardous non-TCS foods allowed. No acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), no perishable baked goods, no low-acid canned foods. Direct sales only within Indiana. Whole eggs, traditional pickles not in oxygen-sealed containers, nut butters, syrups, and dried goods are allowed.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement for home kitchen infrastructure.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Local health departments may investigate upon complaint. Indiana law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Howard County and the City of Kokomo may have home occupation ordinances. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements specifically for home-based vendor operations, but local zoning rules may still apply. Producers should check with Howard County Planning or City of Kokomo zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events, farmers markets, and other venues are permitted. No wholesale to distributors or restaurants.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Howard County-specific cottage food code identified. Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 governs (HEA 1149, 2022 amendments).

RESEARCH NOTES

Howard County (Kokomo) follows Indiana's home-based vendor law. Indiana's 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. Food handler certificate required (ANSI-accredited, must be provided to local health department). No acidified foods allowed. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official ISDH source; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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INDIANA: HUNTINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1168* · FIPS 18069 · Huntington

Huntington County

Population 36,520 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Huntington County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Huntington County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Huntington County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Huntington County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Huntington County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1167* · FIPS 18071 · Brownstown

Jackson County

Population 44,231 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jackson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jackson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Jackson County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Jackson County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Jackson County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JASPER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1166* · FIPS 18073 · Rensselaer

Jasper County

Population 33,478 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jasper County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jasper County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Jasper County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Jasper County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Jasper County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1165* · FIPS 18075 · Portland

Jay County

Population 20,436 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jay County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jay County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Jay County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Jay County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Jay County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1164* · FIPS 18077 · Madison

Jefferson County

Population 32,308 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jefferson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jefferson County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Jefferson County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Jefferson County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Jefferson County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JENNINGS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1159* · FIPS 18079 · Vernon

Jennings County

Population 27,735 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jennings County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Jennings County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Jennings County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Jennings County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Jennings County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: JOHNSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1994* · FIPS 18081 · Franklin

Johnson County

Population 161,952 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana HEA 1149 (2022) allows home-based vendors to sell most nonperishable foods from home, online, at events, and other venues. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. No registration or inspection required. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Direct sales only — no wholesale/catering.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Indiana state law preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors (IC 16-42-5.3). Johnson County may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning for other aspects of operating a business from home, but cannot add licensing or inspection requirements for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Local health department may inspect upon complaint. State preempts local licensing requirements but not all inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana HEA 1149 (2022) allows home-based vendors to sell most nonperishable foods from home, online, at events, and other venues. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. No registration or inspection required. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Direct sales only — no wholesale/catering.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Indiana cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facility required per food handler training standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health department may inspect upon complaint. State preempts local licensing requirements but not all inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Indiana state law preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors (IC 16-42-5.3). Johnson County may have home occupation permit requirements under local zoning for other aspects of operating a business from home, but cannot add licensing or inspection requirements for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales from home, online, at farmers markets, roadside stands, events, and other direct-to-consumer venues. No wholesale or interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Johnson County Zoning Ordinance; Ind. Code §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Indiana HEA 1149 (2022) is the operative law (creates IC §16-42-5.3). No Johnson County-specific cottage food code identified. State preemption is strong for licensing/inspection but not zoning.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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INDIANA: KNOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1158* · FIPS 18083 · Vincennes

Knox County

Population 36,594 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Knox County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Knox County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Knox County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Knox County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Knox County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2110* · FIPS 18085 · Warsaw

Kosciusko County

Population 80,442 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Kosciusko County and the City of Warsaw (orthopedic device industry capital) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Kosciusko County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF foods only; no acidified foods; direct sales within Indiana only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Indiana law preempts local licensing/inspection. Local health dept may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kosciusko County and the City of Warsaw (orthopedic device industry capital) may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Kosciusko 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 sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Kosciusko County-specific cottage food code identified. Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kosciusko County (Warsaw) follows Indiana home-based vendor law. Warsaw is known as the orthopedic device capital of the world. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: LAGRANGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1190* · FIPS 18087 · Lagrange

LaGrange County

Population 39,614 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. LaGrange County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. LaGrange County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No LaGrange County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult LaGrange County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No LaGrange County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: LAKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1265* · FIPS 18089 · Crown Point

Lake County

Population 497,682 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods only. No registration required. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. Direct sales only within Indiana. Perishable baked goods, acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from imposing licensing or inspection requirements beyond state law for home-based vendor operations. However, general zoning/home occupation permits may still apply. Lake County and its cities (Gary, Hammond, Merrillville, Crown Point, etc.) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Operators should check with local municipality for any zoning-related home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No pre-operational inspection; Indiana state law (2022 HEA 1149) preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous (non-PHF) foods only. No registration required. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and must be provided to local health department. Direct sales only within Indiana. Perishable baked goods, acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food handler certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No pre-operational inspection; Indiana state law (2022 HEA 1149) preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from imposing licensing or inspection requirements beyond state law for home-based vendor operations. However, general zoning/home occupation permits may still apply. Lake County and its cities (Gary, Hammond, Merrillville, Crown Point, etc.) may have home occupation zoning provisions. Operators should check with local municipality for any zoning-related home occupation permit requirements.
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 Indiana: home, farmers markets, events, online. No annual sales cap. No wholesale to stores or restaurants.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022 — operative provision; §16-42-5.2 is prior law). Local: Lake County/city zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana is a Great-tier state. 2022 HEA 1149 (Ind. Code §16-42-5.3) is the operative provision (the input cites §16-42-5.2 which is prior law). State preempts local licensing/inspection requirements but not general home occupation zoning. Food handler certificate required. No sales cap. Lake County is in northwest Indiana (Chicago metro area). Local municipality home occupation zoning requirements not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lakecountyin.org

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

https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/indiana/

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INDIANA: LAPORTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2093* · FIPS 18091 · La Porte

LaPorte County

Population 112,215 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products, enacted 2022); no sales cap; no registration; food handler cert required; direct sales only; no acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. LaPorte County unincorporated areas or city of La Porte may have general home occupation zoning permits. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is La Porte. Contact LaPorte County Planning or city zoning for zoning-specific requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana 2022 law allows home-based vendor sales of most nonperishable foods from home kitchen. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. Local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required; must be provided to local health department.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable (non-PHF) products. Fermented products allowed if not in oxygen-sealed containers. Acidified foods in oxygen-sealed containers prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Inspection only upon complaint or illness investigation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Indiana preempts local licensing and inspection requirements for home-based vendors. LaPorte County unincorporated areas or city of La Porte may have general home occupation zoning permits. Note: county_seat in input is blank but is La Porte. Contact LaPorte County Planning or city zoning for zoning-specific requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Indiana allows direct sales only: from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (IN tier Great). LaPorte County is in northwestern Indiana near Lake Michigan. County seat is La Porte (input field was blank). No county-specific URLs provided. State preemption of local licensing/inspection is explicit. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: LAWRENCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1174* · FIPS 18093 · Bedford

Lawrence County

Population 45,370 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Lawrence County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Lawrence County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Lawrence County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Lawrence County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Lawrence County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: MADISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2132* · FIPS 18095 · Anderson

Madison County

Population 130,545 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods produced at the individual's primary residence. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to the local health department. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based vendors.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Madison County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. City of Anderson has separate home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Madison County Health Department may investigate upon complaint. State law preempts routine local inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods produced at the individual's primary residence. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to the local health department. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based vendors.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per Indiana cottage food standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Madison County Health Department may investigate upon complaint. State law preempts routine local inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Madison County zoning applies in unincorporated areas. City of Anderson has separate home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, and other venues per 2022 expanded state law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Indiana IC §16-42-5.3.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (IN) confirmed: IC §16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022). Madison County is in central Indiana (Anderson, near Indianapolis metro). No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: MARION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1008* · FIPS 18097 · Indianapolis

Marion County

Population 971,737 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Vendor, HEA 1149, 2022) · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be vendor's primary residence. Products must be non-potentially hazardous. All locations of sale must meet Marion County zoning and right-of-way laws. HBVs may not operate simultaneously as a licensed retail food establishment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Animals must be excluded from food preparation areas during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Sales locations must meet Marion County zoning and right-of-way laws. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local licensing and permit requirements for the food production itself, but zoning compliance is required. Contact Marion County Planning for home-based business requirements. Indianapolis/Marion County is a consolidated city-county government (Unigov).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Marion County Public Health Department may investigate. State Department of Health may act if immediate and serious threat.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be vendor's primary residence. Products must be non-potentially hazardous. All locations of sale must meet Marion County zoning and right-of-way laws. HBVs may not operate simultaneously as a licensed retail food establishment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Animals must be excluded from food preparation areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public supply or approved private well
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing facilities required as per standard HBV sanitation requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored safely; products must be in sealed tamper-evident packaging

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Marion County Public Health Department may investigate. State Department of Health may act if immediate and serious threat.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sales locations must meet Marion County zoning and right-of-way laws. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local licensing and permit requirements for the food production itself, but zoning compliance is required. Contact Marion County Planning for home-based business requirements. Indianapolis/Marion County is a consolidated city-county government (Unigov).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed in person, by phone, or via internet. Delivery by operator, mail, or third-party carrier permitted within Indiana only. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

IC 16-42-5.3 (state preempts local food production regulation); Marion County zoning code governs home-based business operations

RESEARCH NOTES

Marion County Public Health Department (marionhealth.org) has a specific HBV registration process: submit menu, labels, and certified food handler certificate. Food handler must be ANSI-accredited. State law IC 16-42-5.3 preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for the food production operation itself. Marion County is Indiana's most populous county and seat of Indianapolis. Zoning compliance remains required even under state preemption. The Marion County Health Department page explicitly states sales must meet 'Marion County, including all incorporated towns in Marion County, zoning and right of way laws.'

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://marionhealth.org

https://www.indy.gov

https://marionhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023hbv-2.pdf

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Home-Based-Vendors-FAQ-FINAL.pdf

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

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INDIANA: MARSHALL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1189* · FIPS 18099 · Plymouth

Marshall County

Population 46,258 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Marshall County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Marshall County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Marshall County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Marshall County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Marshall County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: MARTIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1188* · FIPS 18101 · Shoals

Martin County

Population 10,255 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Martin County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Martin County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Martin County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Martin County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Martin County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: MIAMI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1187* · FIPS 18103 · Peru

Miami County

Population 35,516 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Miami County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Miami County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Miami County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Miami County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Miami County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: MONROE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1575* · FIPS 18105 · Bloomington

Monroe County

Population 140,065 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 / HEA 1149 (2022), codified as IC §16-42-5.3 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Under the 2022 HEA 1149 framework: products must be non-potentially hazardous, made at the individual's primary residence, and sold only at roadside stands or farmers markets (per pre-2022 HBV guidance from Monroe County Health Department). However, the 2022 law expanded sales venues; state law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to the local health department.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Monroe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones (unincorporated areas). Business registration required; use must be secondary to residential character; no more than normal residential traffic levels permitted. City of Bloomington has its own rules that differ from county-level regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Monroe County Health Department investigates foodborne illness complaints. No routine pre-operational inspection required under state law (state preempts local inspection requirements per HEA 1149).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Under the 2022 HEA 1149 framework: products must be non-potentially hazardous, made at the individual's primary residence, and sold only at roadside stands or farmers markets (per pre-2022 HBV guidance from Monroe County Health Department). However, the 2022 law expanded sales venues; state law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to the local health department.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required. Monroe County Health Department guidance emphasizes handwashing with warm water and soap for 10-15 seconds at designated intervals.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Products stored per Monroe County Health Department guidance in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Monroe County Health Department investigates foodborne illness complaints. No routine pre-operational inspection required under state law (state preempts local inspection requirements per HEA 1149).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Monroe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones (unincorporated areas). Business registration required; use must be secondary to residential character; no more than normal residential traffic levels permitted. City of Bloomington has its own rules that differ from county-level regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Monroe County limits or prohibits customer visits to home businesses — no increase in traffic beyond normal residential levels. State law (post-2022 HEA 1149) expanded allowable sales venues statewide; but Monroe County's zoning-level home occupation rules limit customer traffic.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State law: not specified. County home occupation rules: no non-resident employees typical for home occupation permits.

Relevant county code

Monroe County Code of Ordinances (home occupation provisions); Indiana IC §16-42-5.3

RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County Health Department food safety page confirmed (in.gov/counties/monroe). Monroe County Health Department HBV Guidance Document (PDF, Rev. 12/2020) retrieved via Exa search — explicitly states products may be sold only at farmers markets and roadside stands (pre-2022 guidance, state law now broader). CityRuleLookup confirms Monroe County has home occupation permit requirement for home-based businesses, with restrictions on customer traffic. City of Bloomington has separate (potentially different) cottage food rules. County health URL, planning URL, and govt URL all confirmed in input data.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.monroecounty.gov/health
https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning
https://www.monroecounty.gov
https://www.in.gov/counties/monroe/government/health-department/food-safety/
https://www.co.monroe.in.us/egov/documents/1608579852_39089.pdf
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/monroe-county-in
https://www.monroecounty.gov/health
https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning

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INDIANA: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1186* · FIPS 18107 · Crawfordsville

Montgomery County

Population 38,338 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Montgomery County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Montgomery County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Montgomery County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Montgomery County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Montgomery County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: MORGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1835* · FIPS 18109 · Martinsville

Morgan County

Population 71,757 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: NEWTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1185* · FIPS 18111 · Kentland

Newton County

Population 13,833 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Newton County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Newton County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Newton County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Newton County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Newton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: NOBLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1184* · FIPS 18113 · Albion

Noble County

Population 47,744 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Noble County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Noble County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Noble County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Noble County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Noble County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: OHIO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1177* · FIPS 18115 · Rising Sun

Ohio County

Population 5,875 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Ohio County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Ohio County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Ohio County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Ohio County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Ohio County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: ORANGE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1176* · FIPS 18117 · Paoli

Orange County

Population 19,646 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Orange County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Orange County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Orange County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Orange County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Orange County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: OWEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1156* · FIPS 18119 · Spencer

Owen County

Population 20,799 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Owen County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Owen County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Owen County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Owen County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Owen County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: PARKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1155* · FIPS 18121 · Rockville

Parke County

Population 16,870 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Parke County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Parke County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Parke County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Parke County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Parke County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: PERRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1149* · FIPS 18123 · Tell City

Perry County

Population 19,169 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Perry County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Perry County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Perry County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Perry County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Perry County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: PIKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1136* · FIPS 18125 · Petersburg

Pike County

Population 12,389 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Pike County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Pike County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Pike County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Pike County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Pike County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: PORTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1250* · FIPS 18127 · Valparaiso

Porter County

Population 173,355 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (updated to IC 16-42-5.3 per 2022 HEA 1149) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. Porter County may require home occupation zoning permit. County URLs were blank in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification training.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. Porter County may require home occupation zoning permit. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery. No sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

IC 16-42-5.3; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Porter County (Valparaiso, near Chicago area) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules beyond Indiana state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. State preempts local licensing/inspection.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

INDIANA: POSEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1135* · FIPS 18129 · Mount Vernon

Posey County

Population 25,427 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Posey County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Posey County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Posey County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Posey County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Posey County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: PULASKI COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1134* · FIPS 18131 · Winamac

Pulaski County

Population 12,353 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Pulaski County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Pulaski County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Pulaski County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Pulaski County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Pulaski County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: PUTNAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1133* · FIPS 18133 · Greencastle

Putnam County

Population 37,963 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Putnam County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Putnam County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Putnam County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Putnam County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Putnam County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: RANDOLPH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1138* · FIPS 18135 · Winchester

Randolph County

Population 24,665 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Randolph County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Randolph County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Randolph County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Randolph County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Randolph County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: RIPLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1139* · FIPS 18137 · Versailles

Ripley County

Population 28,324 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Ripley County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Ripley County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Ripley County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Ripley County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Ripley County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: RUSH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1140* · FIPS 18139 · Rushville

Rush County

Population 16,581 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Rush County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Rush County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Rush County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Rush County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Rush County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: SCOTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1141* · FIPS 18143 · Scottsburg

Scott County

Population 23,873 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Scott County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Scott County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Scott County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Scott County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Scott County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: SHELBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1142* · FIPS 18145 · Shelbyville

Shelby County

Population 44,436 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Shelby County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Shelby County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Shelby County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Shelby County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Shelby County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: SPENCER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1143* · FIPS 18147 · Rockport

Spencer County

Population 20,277 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Spencer County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Spencer County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Spencer County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Spencer County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Spencer County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1259* · FIPS 18141 · South Bend

St. Joseph County

Population 272,388 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must have ANSI-accredited food handler certificate provided to local health department. Sales are direct-to-consumer only. No retail/wholesale. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements (IC 16-42-5.3, 2022 HEA 1149).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified; home kitchen must be clean and sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local governments from requiring licensing or inspection of home-based vendors. However, South Bend/St. Joseph County may still require a general business license or home occupation permit under local zoning. Producers should check with St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Complaint or foodborne illness investigation; state law limits local health dept inspection authority)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must have ANSI-accredited food handler certificate provided to local health department. Sales are direct-to-consumer only. No retail/wholesale. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements (IC 16-42-5.3, 2022 HEA 1149).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; home kitchen must be clean and sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing required per food handler training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable storage; no refrigerated finished products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint or foodborne illness investigation; state law limits local health dept inspection authority
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local governments from requiring licensing or inspection of home-based vendors. However, South Bend/St. Joseph County may still require a general business license or home occupation permit under local zoning. Producers should check with St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no consignment, no restaurant sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law

Relevant county code

Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 (Home Based Food Products); St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana state law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted HEA 1149 2022) is the operative cottage food statute, preempting local health dept licensing/inspection. St. Joseph County follows state baseline. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. The state requires food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) submitted to local health dept. No sales cap. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no direct St. Joseph County .gov source for local zoning rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sjcindiana.com

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

https://www.sjcindiana.com

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

INDIANA: STARKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1145* · FIPS 18149 · Knox

Starke County

Population 22,995 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Starke County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Starke County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Starke County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Starke County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Starke County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: STEUBEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1146* · FIPS 18151 · Angola

Steuben County

Population 34,594 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Steuben County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Steuben County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Steuben County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Steuben County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Steuben County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: SULLIVAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1147* · FIPS 18153 · Sullivan

Sullivan County

Population 20,669 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Sullivan County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Sullivan County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Sullivan County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Sullivan County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Sullivan County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: SWITZERLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1148* · FIPS 18155 · Vevay

Switzerland County

Population 10,751 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Switzerland County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Switzerland County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Switzerland County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Switzerland County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Switzerland County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: TIPPECANOE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2095* · FIPS 18157 · Lafayette

Tippecanoe County

Population 186,955 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (updated to IC 16-42-5.3 per 2022 HEA 1149) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Tippecanoe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business registration also required. Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 expressly preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. However, home occupation zoning permits are distinct from food licensing. County sections 5-5-1 through 5-5-4 of the Tippecanoe County Unified Zoning Ordinance govern home occupations. West Lafayette is noted as allowing home-based vendor sales at farmers markets; other cities have separate rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.tippecanoe.in.gov
https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/
https://tippecanoe.in.gov/faq.aspx
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/tippecanoe-county-in

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INDIANA: TIPTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1150* · FIPS 18159 · Tipton

Tipton County

Population 15,148 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Tipton County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Tipton County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Tipton County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Tipton County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Tipton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: UNION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1151* · FIPS 18161 · Liberty

Union County

Population 7,054 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Union County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Union County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Union County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Union County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Union County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: VANDERBURGH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1242* · FIPS 18163 · Evansville

Vanderburgh County

Population 179,900 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (updated to IC 16-42-5.3 per 2022 HEA 1149) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required. Certificate must be provided to local health department.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 (IC 16-42-5.3) expressly preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. However, Vanderburgh County and Evansville may require home occupation zoning permits for home-based businesses separately from food licensing. County URLs were blank in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) required. Certificate must be provided to local health department.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification training.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 (IC 16-42-5.3) expressly preempts local licensing/inspection for home-based vendors. However, Vanderburgh County and Evansville may require home occupation zoning permits for home-based businesses separately from food licensing. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery. No cap on annual sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No on-site non-household employees per typical home occupation zoning conditions.

Relevant county code

IC 16-42-5.3; no specific county code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Vanderburgh County (Evansville) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules beyond Indiana state baseline. County URLs were blank in input. State law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements per 2022 HEA 1149. Food handler certification required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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INDIANA: VERMILLION COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1144* · FIPS 18165 · Newport

Vermillion County

Population 15,540 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Vermillion County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Vermillion County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Vermillion County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Vermillion County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Vermillion County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: VIGO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1237* · FIPS 18167 · Terre Haute

Vigo County

Population 106,355 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, whole eggs (limited), traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), whole chickens/rabbits raised by vendor. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited. Interstate sales and wholesale/catering prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State preempts local licensing or inspection requirements per HEA 1149 (2022). Inspection only upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Terre Haute and Vigo County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Vigo County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

INDIANA: WABASH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1137* · FIPS 18169 · Wabash

Wabash County

Population 30,996 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Wabash County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Wabash County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Wabash County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Wabash County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Wabash County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: WARREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1152* · FIPS 18171 · Williamsport

Warren County

Population 8,508 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Warren County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods allowed. Whole eggs, traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), and whole chickens/rabbits raised by the vendor also allowed with restrictions.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; public water supply typical for residential use.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required per IC 16-42-5.3 sanitary procedures.
FOOD STORAGE	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Warren County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; operation must be conducted at the vendor's primary residence. Local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

No Warren County-specific cottage food ordinance found; state law preempts local food safety regulation of HBVs. Consult Warren County zoning ordinance for home occupation rules.

RESEARCH NOTES

State law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) explicitly preempts local governments from requiring licensure or inspection of home-based vendors (HBVs). ANSI-accredited food handler certificate required; must be provided to local health department. Indiana HBV Handbook 2025 confirms local zoning ordinances unrelated to food safety may still apply. Note: Indiana HB 1424 signed March 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026) further expands HBV rules to allow prepared foods, certain meat products, produce, natural sweeteners, baked goods, fruit spreads, and candy — changes not yet in effect as of research date. No Warren County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Defaulting to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: WARRICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1854* · FIPS 18173 · Boonville

Warrick County

Population 64,065 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 (now superseded by HEA 1149, 2022 — operative: IC §16-42-5.3) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must provide food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) to local health department. Direct sales only. No wholesale or catering. No acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces). Most non-PHF foods including baked goods, candies, jams, nut butters, dried goods, eggs, whole chickens/rabbits permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler certificate training
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-based; local health department cannot require routine inspection under HEA 1149
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Warrick County is a suburban Evansville county in southwest Indiana. County govt URL confirmed at warrickcounty.gov. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Warrick County Plan Commission at (812) 897-6136.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; may sell from home, online, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit; local health department cannot add additional requirements

Relevant county code

Contact Warrick County Plan Commission for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.warrickcounty.gov

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

http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2

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

INDIANA: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1930* · FIPS 18175 · Salem

Washington County

Population 28,345 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Washington County Plan Commission.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Washington County Plan Commission (Salem) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Washington County Plan Commission.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under state HBV law.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required as part of sanitary procedures per IC 16-42-5.3.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; proper sanitary storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Washington County Plan Commission (Salem) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed in person, by phone, online, or via third-party carrier within Indiana. No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail resale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Washington County cottage food ordinance identified. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local food licensing. Local zoning may apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana IC 16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022) governs statewide. State law explicitly preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances (Sec. 12). Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required. No sales cap. Washington County is a rural southern Indiana county; no county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Local zoning home occupation rules may still apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: WAYNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1844* · FIPS 18177 · Richmond

Wayne County

Population 66,522 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Wayne County includes the City of Richmond, a regional center near the Ohio border. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Richmond 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. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct sales to consumers; no wholesale or catering. No perishable baked goods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned foods.
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 training
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. Wayne County includes the City of Richmond, a regional center near the Ohio border. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Richmond 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 delivery to consumer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana Great-tier state. Wayne County borders Ohio; Richmond is an east-central Indiana regional hub. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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INDIANA: WELLS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1929* · FIPS 18179 · Bluffton

Wells County

Population 28,798 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Wells County Plan Commission.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Wells County Plan Commission (Bluffton) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Wells County Plan Commission.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under state HBV law.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required as part of sanitary procedures per IC 16-42-5.3.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; proper sanitary storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Wells County Plan Commission (Bluffton) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed in person, by phone, online, or via third-party carrier within Indiana. No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail resale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Wells County cottage food ordinance identified. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local food licensing. Local zoning may apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana IC 16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022) governs statewide. State law explicitly preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances (Sec. 12). Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required. No sales cap. Wells County is a northeast Indiana county; no county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Local zoning home occupation rules may still apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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

INDIANA: WHITE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1928* · FIPS 18181 · Monticello

White County

Population 24,833 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact White County Plan Commission.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact White County Plan Commission (Monticello) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact White County Plan Commission.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under state HBV law.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required as part of sanitary procedures per IC 16-42-5.3.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; proper sanitary storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact White County Plan Commission (Monticello) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed in person, by phone, online, or via third-party carrier within Indiana. No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail resale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific White County cottage food ordinance identified. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local food licensing. Local zoning may apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana IC 16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022) governs statewide. State law explicitly preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances (Sec. 12). Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required. No sales cap. White County is a northwest Indiana county (Indiana Beach area); no county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Local zoning home occupation rules may still apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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INDIANA: WHITLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1926* · FIPS 18183 · Columbia City

Whitley County

Population 34,885 · State baseline: Ind. Code §16-42-5.3 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Whitley County Plan Commission.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Whitley County Plan Commission (Columbia City) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, amended 2022 via HEA 1149) allows sales of non-TCS foods from primary residence. No routine inspection. State law preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances. Local zoning for home-based business may still apply — contact Whitley County Plan Commission.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under state HBV law.
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required as part of sanitary procedures per IC 16-42-5.3.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; proper sanitary storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Indiana Department of Health may inspect upon complaint or food safety concern; local health department enforces.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State HBV law preempts local food licensing and inspection requirements. However, local zoning ordinances for home occupations may apply. Contact Whitley County Plan Commission (Columbia City) to verify any home occupation permit requirements for a home-based food business.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed in person, by phone, online, or via third-party carrier within Indiana. No interstate shipping. No wholesale or retail resale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Whitley County cottage food ordinance identified. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local food licensing. Local zoning may apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

Indiana IC 16-42-5.3 (HEA 1149, 2022) governs statewide. State law explicitly preempts local food licensing and inspection ordinances (Sec. 12). Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required. No sales cap. Whitley County is a northeast Indiana county; no county-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Local zoning home occupation rules may still apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf

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Questions?

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