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Can I sell / dry baking mixes?

A 51-jurisdiction guide for cottage food producers, with the sanitation reasoning behind every yes, no, and conditional.

Dry baking mixes is one of the most universally allowed cottage foods in the US — permitted in all 51 jurisdictions we cover. This report shows the specific statute, sales cap, and registration rule for each state.

JURISDICTIONS	ALLOWED	CONDITIONAL	NOT ALLOWED
51	51	0	0

This report summarizes cottage food statutes as of publication. State laws change; always confirm with your state agriculture or health department before selling. Not legal advice.

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The verdict, in one page

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ALLOWED

Fits under standard cottage food law without extra permits.

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CONDITIONAL

Allowed with pH log, license, informed-consumer notice, or approved recipe.

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NOT ALLOWED

Requires a licensed commercial kitchen or is prohibited outright.

WHY THE FOOD SAFETY RULES MATTER

WHY IT'S ALLOWED (OR RESTRICTED)

Low water activity ($a_w < 0.85$) or high sugar concentration ($> 65\%$ by weight) prevents microbial growth. Honey, chocolate, roasted nuts, and dry mixes are inherently self-preserving. No refrigeration or pH control needed.

SANITATION RISKS TO KNOW

Moisture ingress if poorly packaged (mold on granola, staleness). Cross-contamination in a home kitchen shared with fresh produce. Allergen labeling for tree nuts / peanuts / soy.

WHERE YOU CAN SELL — ALL 51 JURISDICTIONS

STATE	VERDICT	RULE TIER & CAP	NOTES
Alaska	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (AS 17.20.332)
Alabama	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Ala. Code §22-20-5.1)
Arkansas	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021))
Arizona	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932)
California	YES	Cap: Tiered (see notes); Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758)
Colorado	YES	Cap: Tiered (see notes); Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
Connecticut	YES	Cap: 50000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-62a)
District of Columbia	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (D.C. Code §7-742.02)

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Delaware	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (16 Del. Admin. Code 4458A)
Florida	YES	Cap: 250000	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Fla. Stat. §500.80)
Georgia	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19)
Hawaii	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (HAR §11-50-3)
Iowa	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Iowa Code §137F.1 / §137F.20)
Idaho	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions))
Illinois	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4))
Indiana	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Ind. Code §16-42-5.2)
Kansas	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (K.S.A. §65-657)
Kentucky	YES	Cap: 60000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (KRS §217.137)
Louisiana	YES	Cap: 30000	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (La. R.S. §40:4.13)
Massachusetts	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (105 CMR 590.009(D))
Maryland	YES	Cap: 50000; Registration: Depends	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (MD COMAR 10.15.03.27)
Maine	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (7 M.R.S.A. §282 (Food Sovereignty Act))
Michigan	YES	Cap: 50000	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (MCL §289.4102)
Minnesota	YES	Cap: 78000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Minn. Stat. §28A.152)
Missouri	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298)
Mississippi	YES	Cap: 35000	

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Montana	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Mont. Code §50-50-116 and §50-50-117 (cottage food); Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq. (Local Food Choice Act))
North Carolina	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (02 NCAC 9C.0307)
North Dakota	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02)
Nebraska	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act))
New Hampshire	YES	Cap: Tiered; Registration: Depends	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (RSA §143-A:12)
New Jersey	YES	Cap: 50000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.)
New Mexico	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (NMSA §25-12-3 (Homemade Food Act))
Nevada	YES	Cap: 35000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/ chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025))
New York	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4)
Ohio	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20)
Oklahoma	YES	Cap: 75000	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act))
Oregon	YES	Cap: 50000; Registration: Depends	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (ORS §616.723)
Pennsylvania	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737)
Rhode Island	YES	Cap: 50000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2)
South Carolina	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (S.C. Code §44-1-145)
South Dakota	YES	Cap: None	

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			Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (SDCL §34-18-35)
Tennessee	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act))
Texas	YES	Cap: 150000	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.)
Utah	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Utah Code §4-5-501)
Virginia	YES	Cap: Tiered	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Va. Code §3.2-5130)
Vermont	YES	Cap: 30000; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (18 V.S.A. §4351; Act 42 (2025) cottage food operator exemption)
Washington	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Yes	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (RCW §69.22.010-.040)
Wisconsin	YES	Cap: Tiered	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Wis. Stat. §97.29)
West Virginia	YES	Cap: None; Registration: Depends	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (W. Va. Code §19-40-1 through §19-40-6 (Article 40, Cottage Foods, enacted 2026); §19-35-6 (Nonpotentially hazardous foods at farmers markets))
Wyoming	YES	Cap: None	Shelf-stable, low-moisture foods qualify under most state cottage food laws. (Wyo. Stat. §11-49-101 through §11-49-104 (Wyoming Food Freedom Act))

Full statute citations, effective dates, and links to each state's cottage food agency are in the master **Can I Sell This? Cottage Food Rulebook** — 42 foods × 51 jurisdictions in one document. Read it at crosodo.com/reports/can-i-sell-rulebook.pdf.