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# Can I sell / meat pies?

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

Meat pies is restricted in most US jurisdictions — allowed under cottage food law in only 0 of 51 places, and even then usually with additional licensing. This report shows exactly where and how.

| JURISDICTIONS | ALLOWED | CONDITIONAL | NOT ALLOWED |
|---------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| 51            | 0       | 0           | 51          |

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

**0**  
**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.

**51**  
**NOT ALLOWED**  
 Requires a licensed commercial kitchen or is prohibited outright.

## WHY THE FOOD SAFETY RULES MATTER

**WHY IT'S ALLOWED (OR RESTRICTED)**  
 Federal law (Federal Meat Inspection Act, Poultry Products Inspection Act) requires USDA-inspected slaughter and processing for any meat product sold to the public. Most states adopt the federal rule verbatim for cottage food.

**SANITATION RISKS TO KNOW**  
 E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella from cross-contamination or under-cooking. Trichinella in pork. Meat jerky is especially risky because low-heat drying can leave the interior below the 160°F pathogen-kill threshold if not done under an approved HACCP plan.

## WHERE YOU CAN SELL — ALL 51 JURISDICTIONS

| STATE       | VERDICT | RULE TIER & CAP                            | NOTES                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alaska      | NO      | Cap: None; Registration: Yes               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (AS 17.20.332)                         |
| Alabama     | NO      | Cap: None; Registration: Yes               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Ala. Code §22-20-5.1)                 |
| Arkansas    | NO      | Cap: None                                  | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (A.C.A. §20-57-201 (Act 1040 of 2021)) |
| Arizona     | NO      | Cap: None; Registration: Yes               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932)             |
| California  | NO      | Cap: Tiered (see notes); Registration: Yes | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758)    |
| Colorado    | NO      | Cap: Tiered (see notes); Registration: Yes | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)                    |
| Connecticut | NO      | Cap: 50000; Registration: Yes              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-62a)            |
|             | NO      |                                            |                                                                                                                                            |

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| District of Columbia |         | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (D.C. Code §7-742.02)                                                |
| Delaware             | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (16 Del. Admin. Code 4458A)                                          |
| Florida              | NO      | Cap: 250000                             | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Fla. Stat. §500.80)                                                 |
| Georgia              | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19) |
| Hawaii               | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (HAR §11-50-3)                                                       |
| Iowa                 | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Iowa Code §137F.1 / §137F.20)                                       |
| Idaho                | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions))          |
| Illinois             | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4))      |
| Indiana              | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Ind. Code §16-42-5.2)                                               |
| Kansas               | NO      | Cap: None                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (K.S.A. §65-657)                                                     |
| Kentucky             | NO      | Cap: 60000;<br>Registration: Yes        | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (KRS §217.137)                                                       |
| Louisiana            | NO      | Cap: 30000                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (La. R.S. §40:4.13)                                                  |
| Massachusetts        | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (105 CMR 590.009(D))                                                 |
| Maryland             | NO      | Cap: 50000;<br>Registration:<br>Depends | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (MD COMAR 10.15.03.27)                                               |
| Maine                | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (7 M.R.S.A. §282 (Food Sovereignty Act))                             |
| Michigan             | NO      | Cap: 50000                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (MCL §289.4102)                                                      |
| Minnesota            | NO      | Cap: 78000;<br>Registration: Yes        | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Minn. Stat. §28A.152)                                               |
| Missouri             | NO      | Cap: None                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Mississippi    | NO      | Cap: 35000                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951)                                                                                  |
| Montana        | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes          | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Mont. Code §50-50-116 and §50-50-117 (cottage food); Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq. (Local Food Choice Act)) |
| North Carolina | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes          | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (02 NCAC 9C.0307)                                                                                             |
| North Dakota   | NO      | Cap: None                                | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02)                                                             |
| Nebraska       | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes          | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act))    |
| New Hampshire  | NO      | Cap: Tiered;<br>Registration:<br>Depends | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (RSA §143-A:12)                                                                                               |
| New Jersey     | NO      | Cap: 50000;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.)                                                                                    |
| New Mexico     | NO      | Cap: None                                | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (NMSA §25-12-3 (Homemade Food Act))                                                                           |
| Nevada         | NO      | Cap: 35000;<br>Registration: Yes         | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025))                |
| New York       | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes          | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4)                                                            |
| Ohio           | NO      | Cap: None                                | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20)                                                  |
| Oklahoma       | NO      | Cap: 75000                               | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act))                                                    |
| Oregon         | NO      | Cap: 50000;<br>Registration:<br>Depends  | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (ORS §616.723)                                                                                                |
| Pennsylvania   | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes          | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737)                                                                                       |

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| Rhode Island   | NO      | Cap: 50000;<br>Registration: Yes       | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2)                                                                                                                     |
| South Carolina | NO      | Cap: None                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (S.C. Code §44-1-145)                                                                                                                           |
| South Dakota   | NO      | Cap: None                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (SDCL §34-18-35)                                                                                                                                |
| Tennessee      | NO      | Cap: None                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act))                                                                                                       |
| Texas          | NO      | Cap: 150000                            | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.)                                                                                                         |
| Utah           | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes        | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Utah Code §4-5-501)                                                                                                                            |
| Virginia       | NO      | Cap: Tiered                            | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Va. Code §3.2-5130)                                                                                                                            |
| Vermont        | NO      | Cap: 30000;<br>Registration: Yes       | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (18 V.S.A. §4351; Act 42 (2025) cottage food operator exemption)                                                                                |
| Washington     | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration: Yes        | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (RCW §69.22.010-.040)                                                                                                                           |
| Wisconsin      | NO      | Cap: Tiered                            | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (Wis. Stat. §97.29)                                                                                                                             |
| West Virginia  | NO      | Cap: None;<br>Registration:<br>Depends | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (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        | NO      | Cap: None                              | Meat and poultry are excluded from nearly every cottage food law and require USDA/state inspection. (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](https://crosodo.com/reports/can-i-sell-rulebook.pdf).