

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Boone County

Illinois · Belvidere · FIPS 17007 · Population 53,459 · Crosodo Index #1216*

STATE BASELINE

410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Boone County, Illinois — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific IL state or Boone County rule.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Illinois cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Illinois home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Illinois label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

ILLINOIS: BOONE COUNTY

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

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific IL state or Boone County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.boonecounty.gov>

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

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/illinois/boone-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Boone County	Ogle County	DeKalb County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific IL state or Boone County rule.	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items shipped within IL only.	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, events, and farmers markets within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois.	Direct in-state sales. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted including baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods, ...	Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM...	Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health departm...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales; products may not be shipped if perishable.	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-aci...
POPULATION	53,459	51,672	100,686

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Boone County's rules sit on top of Illinois's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

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

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Illinois cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/illinois.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

Questions about Boone County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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