

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kendall County

Illinois · Yorkville · FIPS 17093 · Population 132,795 · Crosodo Index #2137*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

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

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Illinois label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

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

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kendallcounty.gov>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kendall County	LaSalle County	DeKalb County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.	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 statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.	Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois. Out-of-state shipping prohibited. Home pick...	Direct in-state sales. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must register with local health department (Kendall County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level...	Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach — operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with the local h...	Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health departm...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products required for shipped items. Many categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-s...	Non-prohibited foods only. Acidified/fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test documentation.	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-aci...
POPULATION	132,795	109,495	100,686

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Kendall 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 Kendall 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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Classifieds

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