

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ogle County

Illinois · Oregon · FIPS 17141 · Population 51,672 · Crosodo
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STATE BASELINE

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

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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

Ogle 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

Not specified in state cottage food law.

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 (Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test). Perishable items may not be shipped out of state.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Ogle County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. City of Oregon and other municipalities within Ogle County have separate zoning codes. Recommend verifying with Ogle County Planning/Zoning and the City of Oregon.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may occur upon complaint. Local health department (Ogle County Health Department) administers registration and may inspect.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation (food safety plan and pH test). Perishable items may not be shipped out of state.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required through CFPM certification; no specific handwashing station requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales; products may not be shipped if perishable.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may occur upon complaint. Local health department (Ogle County Health Department) administers registration and may inspect.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Ogle County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. City of Oregon and other municipalities within Ogle County have separate zoning codes. Recommend verifying with Ogle County Planning/Zoning and the City of Oregon.
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, events, and farmers markets within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Ogle County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois has one of the most permissive cottage food laws (prohibited list approach). Registration with Ogle County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. State law preempts most local restrictions. No Ogle County-specific cottage food ordinances found; local health department administers registration.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.oglecounty.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/ogle-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ogle County	Boone County	Whiteside County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific IL state or Boone County rule.	No specific IL state or Whiteside County rule; 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-to-consumer sales from home, online, events, and farmers markets within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois...	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items shipped within IL only.	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
RESTRICTIONS	Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM...	Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted including baked goods, candies, condiments, jams, pickles, salsas, sauces, fermented foods, ...	Prohibited-list approach: almost anything not explicitly prohibited is allowed. Permitted items include most baked goods, candies, condimen...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales; products may not be shipped if perishable.	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Perishable items must be sold direct in-person. Acidified and fermented foods have special d...
POPULATION	51,672	53,459	55,569

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Ogle 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 —
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/>

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