

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sangamon County

Illinois · Springfield · FIPS 17167 · Population 196,122 ·
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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

Sangamon 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 explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.

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 (Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manager (CFPM-level) certification required. Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Direct in-state sales only. Sangamon County is home to Springfield, the state capital.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Illinois cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	CFPM-level Food Safety Manager certification required, covering handwashing and hygiene.
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified/fermented foods need food safety plan and pH test.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health departments may inspect upon complaint. Complaint-based approach standard.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Sangamon County (unincorporated areas) and City of Springfield may require home occupation permits. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions on cottage food in most cases. Contact Sangamon County Planning/Zoning or City of Springfield Planning. County govt URL: sangamonil.gov .
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Illinois cottage food permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, home, and online (non-perishable items, shipping within Illinois only). No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Illinois cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4; Sangamon County Public Health Department (local registration); Sangamon County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois state baseline applies. Sangamon County (county seat: Springfield) is the home of the Illinois state government. No county-specific overrides found. Sangamon County Health Department handles local cottage food registration (up to \$50/year). CFPM-level certification required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sangamonil.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/sangamon-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sangamon County	Macon County	Cass County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation applies.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Illinois cottage food permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, home, and online (non-perishable items, shipping within Ill...	Direct in-state sales. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within I...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Illinois cottage food law uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almost anything not explicitly prohibited. Food Safety Manag...	Illinois 'prohibited list' approach: operators can sell nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Registration with local health departm...	Must register with local health department (Cass County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Certi...
FOOD STORAGE	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified/fermented foods need food safety plan and pH test.	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-aci...	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have addit...
POPULATION	196,122	103,542	12,955

State context — Illinois cottage food law

Sangamon 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/>

Questions about Sangamon 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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