

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Vermilion County

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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

Vermilion 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 specified in state statute.

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

Yes (Prohibited-list approach: virtually everything not on prohibited list is allowed, including most non-PHF foods, baked goods, candies, condiments, pickles, salsas, fermented foods. Direct in-state sales only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Registration required with local health department (\$50/year max). If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department. Vermilion County health department administers registration. No Vermilion County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state registration requirement.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Local health department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Prohibited-list approach: virtually everything not on prohibited list is allowed, including most non-PHF foods, baked goods, candies, condiments, pickles, salsas, fermented foods. Direct in-state sales only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level, not just food handler) is required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must comply with applicable food safety standards. Acidified and fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Local health department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Registration required with local health department (\$50/year max). If no local health department exists, register with adjacent county's department. Vermilion County health department administers registration. No Vermilion County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state registration requirement.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales statewide (not just farmers markets per 2022 amendment). Online sales within Illinois only; no out-of-state shipping for perishable items.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified beyond the home kitchen operation framework.

Relevant county code

410 ILCS 625/4. No Vermilion County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4) uses a broad prohibited-list approach allowing almost everything not explicitly prohibited, including many items other states ban. CFPM-level food safety certification required. Local health department registration required (\$50/year max). 2022 amendment (PA 102-0633) expanded sales statewide. No Vermilion County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vermilioncounty.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/vermilion-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Vermilion County	Champaign County	Douglas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.	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	Direct sales statewide (not just farmers markets per 2022 amendment). Online sales within Illinois only; no out-of-state shipping for peris...	Illinois cottage food law permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and online (non-perishable items only via sh...	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within l...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Prohibited-list approach: virtually everything not on prohibited list is allowed, including most non-PHF foods, baked goods, candies, condi...	Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4, 2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903) uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almo...	Must register with local health department (Douglas County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Ce...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must comply with applicable food safety standards. Acidified and fermented foods require food safety plan and pH test.	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified and fermented foods require a food safety plan and pH testing...	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have addit...
POPULATION	74,113	206,525	19,714

State context — Illinois cottage food law

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

crosodo.com/nb/illinois/vermilion-county-discuss

Classifieds

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