

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Vigo County

Indiana · Terre Haute · FIPS 18167 · Population 106,355 ·
Crosodo Index #1237*

STATE BASELINE

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2

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

Vigo County, Indiana — 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 state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Indiana 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
- ☐ Indiana home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Indiana 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 (Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, whole eggs (limited), traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), whole chickens/rabbits raised by vendor. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Terre Haute and Vigo County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Vigo County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State preempts local licensing or inspection requirements per HEA 1149 (2022). Inspection only upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not oxygen-sealed), nut butters, syrups, dried goods, coffee, tea, snacks, whole eggs (limited), traditional pickles (not oxygen-sealed), whole chickens/rabbits raised by vendor. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) must be provided to local health department. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer sales only.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

HANDWASHING

Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS foods only. Acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat jerkies are prohibited. Interstate sales and wholesale/catering prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Upon-complaint — State preempts local licensing or inspection requirements per HEA 1149 (2022). Inspection only upon complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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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, and at events permitted. Sales channels expanded by 2022 law (no longer limited to farmers markets/roadside stands). Interstate sales and wholesale/catering prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Vigo County code section identified. State law governs: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2.

RESEARCH NOTES

Vigo County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Indiana's 2022 HEA 1149 expanded cottage food to allow sales from home, online, etc. (no longer limited to farmers markets). Food handler certificate required but no state registration. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.vigocounty.gov>

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Vigo County	Clay County	Parke County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.	—	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	—	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales from home, online, and at events permitted. Sales channels expanded by 2022 law (no longer limited to farmers mark...	—	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	—	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Indiana allows most nonperishable (non-potentially hazardous) foods including baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fermented products (not o...	—	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Acidified foods (pickles in oxygen-sealed containers, salsas, sauces, ketchup, juices), low-acid canned foods, and meat...	—	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.
POPULATION	106,355	26,396	16,870

State context — Indiana cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Ind. Code §16-42-5.2

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Indiana cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/indiana.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2>

State dept cottage food page: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

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

Questions about Vigo 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/indiana/vigo-county-discuss

Classifieds

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