COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Barbour County, Alabama?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-10-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Varies	Varies	—

ALABAMA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

Alabama permits PDF

Alabama cottage food law page

Alabama Department of Public Health cottage food program

Statute: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

> **NOT LEGAL ADVICE**
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> This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Barbour County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Barbour County, Alabama. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT No	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING Varies	LOCAL HEALTH Yes
BUSINESS LICENSE Varies	PICKUP AT THE HOUSE Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Alabama registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.

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State law page: crosodo.com/states/alabama

Alabama Department of Public Health: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html

Statute: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No state requirement for home occupation permit for cottage food. Barbour County is rural with limited zoning. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Check with Barbour County Commission for any local business license requirements.

Health

No. Cottage food operations are not food service establishments and not subject to routine health department inspection per §22-20-5.1(b). Complaints may trigger review.

Health: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/barbour/

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only; in-person, phone, or online within Alabama. Delivery by producer or agent to consumers within state allowed.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commercial kitchen is a food establishment. Alabama cottage food is not a food-service permit. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a food establishment permitted by the county health department. Ask that office for the food-facility application, not the cottage-food form.

Official source: ADPH food protection

Local health office we have on file: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/barbour/

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/barbour/

https://www.barbourcounty.gov

https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html

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Barbour County and nearby places

Regulation	Barbour County	Henry County	Pike County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**Not specified in state statute; good practice recommended.**	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation best practices apply.	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation best practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct to consumer only; in-person, phone, or online within Alabama. Delivery by producer or agent to consumers within state allowed.**	Direct sales to consumers permitted in person, by phone, online, or via mail within Alabama. Delivery may be in person, by an agent, or by …	Direct sales to consumers permitted in person, by phone, online, or via mail within Alabama. Delivery may be in person, by an agent, or by …
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Varies**	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	**Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only (in-person, phone, or online within…**	Must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., ACES course, $25) before selling. Must file paperwork (food safety course certific…	Must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., ACES course, $25) before selling. Must file paperwork (food safety course certific…
FOOD STORAGE	**Not specifically regulated; non-PHF foods must maintain quality but no formal storage rules.**	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be shelf-stable and not require time/temperature control for safety.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be shelf-stable and not require time/temperature control for safety.
POPULATION	**24,877**	17,282	32,997

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These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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