

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Cherokee County, Alabama?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

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**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Cherokee County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

LOCAL HEALTH

**No**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Alabama permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf>

**Alabama cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/alabama>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/alabama/cherokee-county>

**Cherokee County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/alabama/cherokee-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Alabama registration: Yes. 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.

Alabama permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/alabama](https://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. Cherokee County is rural/mountainous in northeast Alabama. No county-level home occupation ordinance found.

### Health

No. Cottage food operations not subject to routine inspection per §22-20-5.1(b).

Health: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cherokee/>

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only within Alabama.

### 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/cherokee/>

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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cherokee/>

<https://www.cherokeecounty.gov>

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

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/chokeee/>

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## Cherokee County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Cherokee County                                                                                                                                | Cleburne County                                                                                                                                | DeKalb County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                     |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct to consumer only within Alabama.                                                                                                        | Direct to consumer only within Alabama.                                                                                                        | In-state delivery and shipping permitted; online sales allowed                                                                                 |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-... | Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-... | No sales cap. Specific food handler course required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Prohibited: meat, pou... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Not specifically regulated.                                                                                                                    | Not specifically regulated.                                                                                                                    | Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products                                                                                                  |
| POPULATION                 | 25,069                                                                                                                                         | 15,144                                                                                                                                         | 71,680                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

Alabama permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf)

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