

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	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**

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

What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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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.

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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 →

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DeKalb County cottage food law page →

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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

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 county govt URL provided. DeKalb County unincorporated areas would follow county zoning for home occupation. City of Fort Payne has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay found.

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

In-state delivery and shipping permitted; online sales 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.dekalbcounty.gov>

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.dekalbcounty.gov>

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

DeKalb County and nearby places

Regulation	DeKalb County	Jackson County	Marshall County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not explicitly restricted by state law, but standard sanitation applies. Alabama state law does not have an explicit pet ban unlike NC.	No specific state restriction, but county health approval process may review kitchen conditions.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	In-state delivery and shipping permitted; online sales allowed	Customer pickup allowed but no stock-in-trade may be displayed or stored on premises per home occupation rules. Goods transported by U.S. m...	Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed per 2021 amendment. Home pickup, farmers markets, and events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No sales cap. Specific food handler course required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct sales only; no wholesale. Prohibited: meat, pou...	Must use primary residence kitchen with residential appliances. No commercial equipment permitted. Must complete state-approved food safety...	Alabama cottage food law (§22-20-5.1, 2021 amendment): no sales cap, direct sales only (no wholesale). Must complete state-approved food sa...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	Standard residential kitchen storage; products must remain non-potentially hazardous (no refrigeration required).	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only; must prevent contamination.
POPULATION	71,680	52,618	97,923

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

Alabama cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/alabama

DeKalb County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/alabama/dekalb-county