COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Limestone 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	Conditional	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 Limestone County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Limestone 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 Conditional	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

Conditional. Athens and Limestone County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Limestone County cottage food ordinance identified beyond the state county health department approval requirement.

Health

No. Limestone County Health Department must approve applications. Requires proof of training, sample label, product list. Fees and approval vary by county.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale or indirect sales. Online and in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.

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

Limestone County and nearby places

Regulation	Limestone County	Lauderdale County	Morgan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.**	No specific state restriction; county health approval may review kitchen conditions.	No specific state prohibition for standard cottage foods; standard sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Conditional**	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale or indirect sales. Online and in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.**	Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed per 2021 amendment. Home pickup, farmers markets, and events permitted.	Alabama allows direct sales and online/in-state shipping (as of 2021 amendment). Interstate shipping not permitted. No wholesale or retail ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Conditional**	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	**Alabama requires state-approved food safety course completion and approval from the local county health department before selling. Non-pote...**	Alabama cottage food law (§22-20-5.1, 2021 amendment): no sales cap, direct sales only. Must complete state-approved food safety course and...	Alabama allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from home kitchen. Producer must complete state-approved food safety course and get ...
FOOD STORAGE	**Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Meat, poultry, fish, all perishable/temperature-controlled foods, low-acid canned goods, juices prohi...**	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only.	Shelf-stable non-TCS products. Freeze-dried foods require water-activity testing. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing.
POPULATION	**104,199**	94,329	123,102

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