

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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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 Madison County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Madison 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

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: 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

Conditional. Madison County municipalities (Huntsville, Madison, Athens area) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local zoning authority. Huntsville is a rapidly growing city and has active planning/zoning enforcement.

Health

Yes. Madison County Health Department approval required before selling; application review and possible home inspection.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only. Online sales and in-state shipping permitted (2021 amendment). No wholesale or retail establishment sales.

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.madisoncountyal.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.madisoncountyal.gov>

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

Madison County and nearby places

Regulation	Madison County	Morgan County	Limestone County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; county health department may check during approval.	No specific state prohibition for standard cottage foods; standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	No	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only. Online sales and in-state shipping permitted (2021 amendment). No wholesale or retail establishment sales.	Alabama allows direct sales and online/in-state shipping (as of 2021 amendment). Interstate shipping not permitted. No wholesale or retail ...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale or indirect sales. Online and in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Alabama cottage food law (Ala. Code §22-20-5.1) requires: (1) completion of state-approved food safety course; (2) approval from local coun...	Alabama allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from home kitchen. Producer must complete state-approved food safety course and get ...	Alabama requires state-approved food safety course completion and approval from the local county health department before selling. Non-pote...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products. Acidified foods require pH testing.	Shelf-stable non-TCS products. Freeze-dried foods require water-activity testing. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Meat, poultry, fish, all perishable/temperature-controlled foods, low-acid canned goods, juices prohi...
POPULATION	389,781	123,102	104,199

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

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