

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Yes**

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

## What you need

Monroe 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

**Conditional**

LOCAL HEALTH

**No**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Yes**

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>

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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](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

Conditional. No state food permit required. However, each municipality (city/town) may require a local business license. The county health department provides a written confirmation of document review, which may be needed for the business license process. Check with local city or county clerk.

### Health

No. State law (§22-20-5.1(b)) explicitly states cottage food operations are not required to have a food service permit and county health departments may not regulate production except as provided by the section. Inspection only upon suspected foodborne illness investigation.

### Business license

Yes

### Pickup / delivery

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 mail. Interstate shipping not permitted under Alabama cottage food law.

### 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.monroecounty.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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-22/title-1/chapter-20/section-22-20-5-1/>

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<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/assets/cottagefoodlawfaqs.pdf>

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<http://www.aces.edu/go/cottagefoodbusiness>

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## Monroe County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Monroe County                                                                                                                                   | Butler County                                                                                                                                  | Clarke County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state restriction; standard sanitation best practices apply.                                                                        | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | 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 to consumer only within Alabama.                                                                                                        | Direct to consumer only within Alabama.                                                                                                        |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., ACES course, \$25) before selling. Must file paperwork (food safety course certific... | 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-... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be shelf-stable and not require time/temperature control for safety.                                 | Not specifically regulated.                                                                                                                    | Not specifically regulated.                                                                                                                    |
| POPULATION                 | 19,816                                                                                                                                          | 18,981                                                                                                                                         | 23,058                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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