

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Baxter County, Arkansas?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

ARKANSAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Arkansas permits PDF](#)[Arkansas cottage food law page](#)[Arkansas Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: A.C.A. §20-57-201 \(Act 1040 of 2021\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Baxter County, Arkansas. 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

**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

**Arkansas permits PDF →**

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

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**Baxter County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/arkansas/baxter-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Arkansas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Retail and wholesale sales are allowed so long as the product is sold to an informed end consumer who can see the product label; sales to businesses for ingredient use or gift resale are not permitted.

Arkansas permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/arkansas.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/arkansas.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/arkansas](https://crosodo.com/states/arkansas)

Arkansas Department of Health: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

Statute: [A.C.A. §20-57-201 \(Act 1040 of 2021\)](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. No state permit required under the Food Freedom Act. However, local city or county business licenses may be required — check with local city/county clerk. A.C.A. §14-140-101 limits charges against farmers/producers selling items produced on their property but may not apply in all situations. State law (§20-57-506) expressly preempts county and municipal jurisdictions from prohibiting or regulating home food production.

### Health

No. Arkansas Department of Health may investigate complaints of adulterated or misbranded food and may inspect pop-up shop operations within third-party retail. No routine inspection of home kitchen.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers markets, county fairs, pop-up shops, from home/farm/ranch/office, or via third-party retail vendors. Cannot be sold to restaurants (not an approved source). Interstate sales allowed if seller complies with applicable federal laws.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**A commissary needs a food-service permit.** Arkansas cottage food does not replace a food-service permit. Shared and commercial kitchens are permitted by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Official source: [AR DOH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.baxtercounty.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.baxtercounty.gov>

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<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?type=PDF&file=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

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<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Homemade-Food-Guide-2025-July.pdf>

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[https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/  
Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf](https://www.uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/local-foods/Arkansas%20Food%20Freedom%20Act%20Guidelines.pdf)

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## Baxter County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Baxter County                                                                                                                                  | Marion County                                                                                                                                  | Izard County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.                                                      | Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply                                                                             | Not specified in state statute; good manufacturing practices apply                                                                             |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers mar... | Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted                                            | Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted                                            |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | No — state law preempts local restrictions                                                                                                     | No — state law preempts local restrictions                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | No — preempted by state law                                                                                                                    | No — preempted by state law                                                                                                                    |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: produ... | Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempt... | Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempt... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testin... | Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated                                                                        | Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated                                                                        |
| POPULATION                 | 41,801                                                                                                                                         | 16,905                                                                                                                                         | 13,748                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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