

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Benton County, Arkansas?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Benton County, Arkansas. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

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.

CONTINUE ONLINE

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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

State law page: 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

Varies. AR does not preempt local zoning. Benton County and City of Bentonville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, online permitted

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.bentoncountyar.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.bentoncountyar.gov>

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

Benton County and nearby places

Regulation	Benton County	Washington County	Carroll County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	Not specified; producers must operate from primary residence kitchen	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail stores, online permitted	All sales channels allowed including interstate sales (unusual — Arkansas is one of few states allowing this). Direct, online, retail, whol...	May be sold in person, by telephone, or online. Delivery by producer, producer's agent, or commercial carrier. Sales allowed at farmers mar...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods; no state license, permit, or inspection required; labeling required	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (July 2021) — among the most permissive nationally. No registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler...	Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: produ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	No refrigerated TCS finished products; acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testin...
POPULATION	286,528	247,331	28,362

More pages for this place

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

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