

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	—

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

What you need

Desha 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

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.

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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

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.deshacounty.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.deshacounty.gov>

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

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

[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)

Desha County and nearby places

Regulation	Desha County	Chicot County	Lincoln 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.	No specific restriction under state law; standard food safety sanitation 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...	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
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	No — state law preempts local restrictions
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	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 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...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testin...	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
POPULATION	11,285	10,234	13,016

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