

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Jefferson 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 Jefferson County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Jefferson 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.

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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. No county govt URL provided. Jefferson County includes Pine Bluff, a regional center. Unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Pine Bluff has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery permitted in-state

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.jeffersoncounty.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.jeffersoncounty.gov>

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

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	Lonoke County	Grant County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not specified. Producers responsible for sanitary production practices.	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 allowed; delivery permitted in-state	Almost unlimited: direct, indirect, retail, wholesale, online, in-state and interstate sales all permitted.	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	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct and indirect sales allowed. B...	Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen. Commercial kitchen use prohibited. State law expressly preempts both state and loc...	Must be produced at producer's private residence. Foods must be non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety). Labeling required: produ...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	Acidified foods (e.g., pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤ 4.6) and batch-number labeling with production records.	Non-TCS foods only — must not require refrigeration to prevent pathogen growth. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas, sauces) require pH testin...
POPULATION	66,934	74,292	18,022

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