

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

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

What you need

Sebastian 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

No

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

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.health.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cottage-food>

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

Zoning / home occupation

No. Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201) expressly preempts both state and local government restriction on home food producers. No home occupation permit may be required for cottage food operations. Sebastian County and Fort Smith cannot impose additional restrictions.

Health

No. No routine inspection. The statute expressly preempts both state and local government restriction.

Business license

No

Pickup / delivery

Sales permitted through any channel — direct from home, farmers markets, online, retail, wholesale, interstate delivery — as long as an informed end consumer is the final buyer.

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.sebastiancountyar.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.sebastiancountyar.gov>

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

<https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/Document?type=pdf&act=1040&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>

<https://www.sebastiancountyar.gov>

Sebastian County and nearby places

Regulation	Sebastian County	Crawford County	Logan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state law. Producers must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited.	No specific pet restriction in state law.	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	Sales permitted through any channel — direct from home, farmers markets, online, retail, wholesale, interstate delivery — as long as an inf...	Almost all channels allowed including direct to consumer, retail, wholesale (if informed end consumer is final buyer), internet sales, and ...	Direct sales permitted; indirect sales through retail/wholesale allowed; interstate sales permitted
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	No — state law preempts local restrictions
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No — preempted by state law
RESTRICTIONS	One of the most permissive cottage food laws in the US. Producers may sell almost any nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous food directl...	Arkansas Food Freedom Act (A.C.A. §20-57-201, eff. July 2021) expressly preempts both state and local government restrictions on home food ...	Must operate from a primary residence kitchen; commercial kitchen use is prohibited under the Food Freedom Act. State law expressly preempt...
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable, non-potentially hazardous foods. Acidified foods (pickles) require pH testing (final pH ≤4.6) and batch-number labeling with...	Non-potentially hazardous foods must be stored appropriately; no specific state mandate.	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated
POPULATION	128,184	60,593	21,247

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

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