

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in DeSoto County, Florida?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

**No**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Likely; verify with DeSoto County Building & Zoning****Likely; DeSoto County local business tax receipt; contact DeSoto County Tax Collector**

SALES CAP

**\$250,000 / year**

FLORIDA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Florida permits PDF](#)[Florida cottage food law page](#)[Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

DeSoto County, Florida. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

**STATE FOOD PERMIT****No****ANNUAL SALES CAP****\$250,000 / year****HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING****Likely; verify with DeSoto County Building & Zoning****LOCAL HEALTH****Upon-complaint only****BUSINESS LICENSE****Likely; DeSoto County local business tax receipt; contact DeSoto County Tax Collector****PICKUP AT THE HOUSE****True****HOME KITCHEN ONLY**

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

**CONTINUE ONLINE**[Florida permits PDF →](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf>[Florida cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida)<https://crosodo.com/states/florida>[Permit page for this place →](https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/desoto-county)<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/desoto-county>[DeSoto County cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida/desoto-county)<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/desoto-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Florida registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.

Florida permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)

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

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

Statute: [Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Likely; verify with DeSoto County Building & Zoning. No DeSoto County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. DeSoto County is a small agricultural county (pop. ~37,000) with county seat Arcadia. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval for home-based food business likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

Planning: <https://www.desotocountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

### Health

Upon-complaint only. State inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections

Health: <https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdDeSoto/>

### Business license

Likely; DeSoto County local business tax receipt; contact DeSoto County Tax Collector

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**DBPR or the local health department licenses food.** Florida public food service is typically DBPR Hotels and Restaurants or the county health department, depending on the operation. Cottage food is a separate exemption. Ask which office licenses the kitchen you rent.

Official source: [Florida DBPR Hotels and Restaurants](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdDeSoto/>

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.doh.state.fl.us/chdDeSoto/>

<https://www.desotocountyfl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.desotocountyfl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

## DeSoto County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | DeSoto County                                                                                                                                  | Hardee County                                                                                                                                  | Highlands County                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | True                                                                                                                                           | True                                                                                                                                           | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | False                                                                                                                                          | False                                                                                                                                          | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No state or county-specific rule for cottage food                                                                                              | No state or county-specific rule for cottage food                                                                                              | No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.                                                                                      |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint only                                                                                                                            | Upon-complaint only                                                                                                                            | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | True                                                                                                                                           | True                                                                                                                                           | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Must comply with DeSoto County signage ordinances                                                                                              | Must comply with Hardee County signage ordinances                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm... | Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm... | Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (except wholesale) permitted. \$250,000 annu... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Likely; verify with DeSoto County Building & Zoning                                                                                            | Likely; verify with Hardee County Building & Zoning                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Likely; DeSoto County local business tax receipt; contact DeSoto County Tax Collector                                                          | Likely; Hardee County local business tax receipt; contact Hardee County Tax Collector                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | —                                                                                                                                              | —                                                                                                                                              | Florida uses a broad non-TCS standard — any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety is allowed. Annual sales cap of ...  |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage                                                                     | Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage                                                                     | Non-TCS foods only. Foods requiring temperature control for safety (meat, dairy requiring refrigeration, custard-filled pastries, raw sprou...  |
| POPULATION                 | 34,258                                                                                                                                         | 25,528                                                                                                                                         | 102,339                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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