

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Ada County, Idaho?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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IDAHO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Idaho permits PDF](#)[Idaho cottage food law page](#)[Idaho Department of Health and Welfare cottage food program](#)[Statute: IDAPA 16.02.19 \(Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Ada County, Idaho. 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

Idaho registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Idaho prohibits wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only direct-to-consumer in-person sales at home, farmers markets, events, online (pickup/delivery), and roadside stands are allowed.

Idaho permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/idaho.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/idaho

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

Statute: [IDAPA 16.02.19](#) (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Idaho state cottage food law is administered through IDHW and health districts with no formal registration. State does not preempt local ordinances in general. Ada County (Boise area) unincorporated areas and City of Boise may have home occupation permit requirements. City of Boise has its own zoning code governing home occupations. Operators should check with Ada County Development Services or City of Boise Planning for home occupation permit requirements.

Health

No. No inspection required; IDHW recommends but does not require a Food Risk Assessment Form

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales within Idaho: farmers markets, events, home. No wholesale/retail/restaurant. No annual cap. No online/interstate sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Health districts permit food establishments. Idaho cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary is a food establishment permitted by the local public health district.

Official source: [Idaho food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://adacounty.id.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://adacounty.id.gov>

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/idaho/>

Ada County and nearby places

Regulation	Ada County	Canyon County	Elmore County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Idaho: farmers markets, events, home. No wholesale/retail/restaurant. No annual cap. No online/interstate sales.	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no retail, no internet/mail order to out-of-state consumers.	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	All non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. No whole...	No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. All non-potentially hazardous foods allowed except acidified foods. ...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Non-TCS non-acidified shelf-stable foods; acidified foods (pickles, salsas) prohibited	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.
POPULATION	497,494	235,006	27,559

More pages for this place

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

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