

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Adams County, Illinois?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Varies	Varies	—

ILLINOIS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Illinois permits PDF](#)

[Illinois cottage food law page](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: 410 ILCS 625/4 \(Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4\)](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Adams County, Illinois. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

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

Illinois registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.

Illinois permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/illinois.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

Statute: [410 ILCS 625/4 \(Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Adams County includes Quincy; local zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Adams County Health Department or Quincy City Planning for requirements. Illinois state law preempts contradictory municipal restrictions in most cases.

Health

Upon-complaint. Consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping of non-perishables permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food facilities. Illinois cottage food registers with the local health department. A commissary or restaurant is a retail food establishment, also at that department, on a different permit.

Official source: [IDPH food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.adamscounty.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.adamscounty.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

Adams County and nearby places

Regulation	Adams County	Hancock County	Pike County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping of non-perishables permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within I...	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Must register with local health department (Adams County Health Department) for up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-lev...	Must register with local health department (Hancock County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. Ce...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have addit...	—
POPULATION	65,583	17,582	14,776

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