

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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

What you need

McLean 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

Conditional

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

Conditional. McLean County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Registration with McLean County Health Department required for cottage food operations. County URLs were blank in input. Bloomington and Normal have separate municipal rules.

Health

Upon-complaint. McLean County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. Local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales statewide. Online sales with in-state shipping 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.mcleancounty.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.mcleancounty.gov>

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

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

McLean County and nearby places

Regulation	McLean County	Champaign County	Tazewell County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; CFPM certification training addresses food safety.	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Illinois cottage food statute. GMP practices apply.	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales statewide. Online sales with in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.	Illinois cottage food law permits direct in-state sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and online (non-perishable items only via sh...	Direct sales statewide. Online sales for non-perishable items within Illinois only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Registration with local health department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. Direct sales ...	Illinois cottage food law (410 ILCS 625/4, 2022 PA 102-0633 and 2025 PA 103-0903) uses a prohibited-list approach — operators can sell almo...	Must register with local health department (Tazewell County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level)...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; perishables not permitted except where explicitly allowed.	All non-prohibited foods meeting standard GMP storage requirements. Acidified and fermented foods require a food safety plan and pH testing...	Shelf-stable non-perishable products for shipped items. Broader categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-safe co...
POPULATION	171,284	206,525	131,276

More pages for this place

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

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