

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Dearborn County, Indiana?

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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INDIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Indiana permits PDF](#)[Indiana cottage food law page](#)[Indiana State Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Dearborn County, Indiana. 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

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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[Indiana permits PDF →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf>

[Indiana cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana>

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/indiana/dearborn-county>

[Dearborn County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana/dearborn-county>

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

Where to file

State

Indiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/indiana

Indiana State Department of Health: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

Statute: [Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. No specific Dearborn County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated areas and City of Lawrenceburg may have separate home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Dearborn County Area Plan Commission.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection. Local health departments are preempted from adding licensing or inspection requirements. May inspect on complaint or foodborne illness.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales allowed from home, online, events, and farmers markets within Indiana. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license retail food. Indiana home-based vendor rules do not replace a retail food establishment permit. A commissary is licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [ISDH food protection](#)

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

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

<http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2>

Dearborn County and nearby places

Regulation	Dearborn County	Ripley County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales allowed from home, online, events, and farmers markets within Indiana. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or ...	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen required. Most nonperishable non-potentially hazardous foods allowed. Food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) required and ...	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.	—
POPULATION	50,709	28,324	22,850

More pages for this place

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

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

Indiana cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/indiana

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