

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Somerset County, Maine?

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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MAINE RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Maine permits PDF](#)[Maine cottage food law page](#)[Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry cottage food program](#)[Statute: 7 M.R.S.A. §282 \(Food Sovereignty Act\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Somerset County, Maine. 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

Yes

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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Maine permits PDF →

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

Maine cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/maine/somerset-county>

Somerset County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/maine/somerset-county>

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

Where to file

State

Maine registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Under the statewide Home Food Processor License, producers may sell at any venue including restaurants, retail stores, farmers markets, and online, with no sales limit; indirect wholesale and retail channels are allowed once licensed and kitchen-inspected.

Maine permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maine.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/maine

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection/home_food_processor.shtml

Statute: [7 M.R.S.A. §282 \(Food Sovereignty Act\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Maine governance is town-based. Individual towns in Somerset County govern their own zoning. Recommend verifying with the specific town planning board (e.g., Skowhegan, Pittsfield, Madison, Solon). Some towns may have adopted Food Sovereignty Ordinances.

Health

Yes. Statewide license requires DCF inspection. Food Sovereignty Ordinance pathway: no inspection required for participating municipality transactions. Some Somerset County municipalities may have Food Sovereignty Ordinances.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Under statewide license: sales at farmers markets require additional Mobile Food Vendor license. Under Food Sovereignty Ordinances: direct producer-to-consumer transactions broadly permitted.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Health inspection licenses eating and lodging. Maine cottage food is separate from an eating-place license. A commissary is typically licensed as an eating place or food establishment by Health Inspection.

Official source: [Maine eating and lodging](#)

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

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection/home_food_processor.shtml

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/7/title7sec282.html>

Somerset County and nearby places

Regulation	Somerset County	Waldo County	Aroostook County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Under statewide license: 'uncontrolled children' prohibited in kitchen during production. Pets not explicitly mentioned in state rules.	Under statewide license: animals typically excluded from production areas during production.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Under statewide license: sales at farmers markets require additional Mobile Food Vendor license. Under Food Sovereignty Ordinances: direct ...	Under statewide license: direct and indirect sales allowed. Under food sovereignty ordinances: direct producer-to-consumer sales allowed. S...	Direct and indirect sales allowed; no out-of-state sales
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License: requires DACF kitchen inspection, most non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed; acidifi...	Two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License from ME DACF — requires kitchen inspection, well/septic testing if applicable, most...	Kitchen inspection required for home food processor license. Registration required. Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales allowed. Perishab...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products under statewide license; broader foods may be permitted under Food Sovereignty Ordinances in participating municipali...	Shelf-stable foods required under statewide license. Acidified foods may require University of Maine lab approval.	Appropriate storage; no perishable items under home processor pathway
POPULATION	50,656	39,772	67,237

More pages for this place

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

Maine permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maine.pdf

Maine cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/maine

Somerset County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/maine/somerset-county