

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Buffalo County, Nebraska?

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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NEBRASKA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Nebraska permits PDF](#)[Nebraska cottage food law page](#)[Nebraska Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

Statute: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Buffalo County, Nebraska. 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

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

Nebraska cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Buffalo County cottage food law page →

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

Where to file

State

Nebraska registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales must be direct-to-consumer. Wholesale to restaurants, grocery stores, or distributors is not permitted under the cottage food framework. Non-TCS foods may be mailed; TCS foods must be delivered in person by the producer within 2 hours.

Nebraska permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/nebraska.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/nebraska

Nebraska Department of Agriculture: https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html

Statute: [Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 \(producer of food at private home\); §81-2,239 et seq. \(Nebraska Pure Food Act\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Buffalo County (county seat Kearney) has a county government. Buffalo County website found in input (buffalocounty.ne.gov). City of Kearney may require local business license. No specific Buffalo County cottage food ordinances found in research. Recommend verifying with Buffalo County and City of Kearney planning.

Health

No. No routine kitchen inspection. NDA may investigate on complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales at public events, home pickup, and delivery. No wholesale or retail distribution.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health or NDA, depending on the kitchen. Nebraska cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary is a food establishment. Ask the kitchen whether the local health department or the Department of Agriculture licenses that facility.

Official source: [Nebraska Department of Agriculture foods](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

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

https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,280>

Buffalo County and nearby places

Regulation	Buffalo County	Hall County	Adams County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales at public events, home pickup, and delivery. No wholesale or retail distribution.	Direct sales at public events, home pickup/delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores under this framework.	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods plus certain TCS foods (as expanded by LB262, effective July 2024). Must register with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Fo...	Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products required for standard cottage food. Some TCS foods permitted with LB262 expanded framework with additional handling requir...	Non-TCS foods primarily; some TCS foods allowed under LB262 with handling requirements. Prohibited: raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, raw sprou...	—
POPULATION	50,103	62,575	31,143

More pages for this place

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

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