

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Cherry County, Nebraska?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

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

## What you need

Cherry County, Nebraska. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Nebraska permits PDF →**

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

**Nebraska cottage food law page →**

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

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/nebraska/cherry-county>

**Cherry County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/nebraska/cherry-county>

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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/nebraska.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/nebraska](https://crosodo.com/states/nebraska)

Nebraska Department of Agriculture: [https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

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### Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Cherry County is the largest county by area in Nebraska but sparsely populated, mostly ranchland in the Sandhills. Unincorporated areas very likely have minimal or no county zoning. City of Valentine has its own municipal zoning.

### Health

No. No routine inspection required; complaint-driven investigation possible

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers

### 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](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.cherrycountyne.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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.cherrycountyne.gov>

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood>

<https://cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu/faq/>

## Cherry County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Cherry County                                                                                                                                  | Sheridan County | Brown County |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | —               | —            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | —               | —            |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required                                                                                 | —               | —            |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | —               | —            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | —               | —            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | —               | —            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers                                                                      | —               | —            |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | —               | No           |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | —               | —            |
| RESTRICTIONS               | State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc... | —               | —            |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage to maintain product safety                                                                                                 | —               | —            |
| POPULATION                 | 5,689                                                                                                                                          | 5,102           | 2,691        |

## More pages for this place

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

Nebraska permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/nebraska.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/nebraska.pdf)

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