

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Dawson 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

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

What you need

Dawson 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

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.

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Nebraska permits PDF →

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Nebraska cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

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

Dawson 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

Varies. Dawson County is a mid-sized central Nebraska county along the Platte River. County zoning for unincorporated areas may include home occupation provisions. City of Lexington 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.dawsoncountyne.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.dawsoncountyne.gov>

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

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

Dawson County and nearby places

Regulation	Dawson County	Lincoln County	Custer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc...	State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc...	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	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	23,595	35,289	10,813

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

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