

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Douglas 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 Douglas County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Douglas 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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Nebraska cottage food law page →

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

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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. Nebraska §81-2,280(8) explicitly preempts local government ordinances regarding food safety and handling that are not in conformance with state law. However, this preemption covers food safety regulations — general home occupation/zoning permits from Douglas County/Omaha may still be required. City of Omaha has home occupation permit requirements under its zoning code. Douglas County (unincorporated areas) may also have home occupation rules. Contact Douglas County Planning or City of Omaha Planning for zoning-specific requirements.

Health

No. No routine inspection; Nebraska state law preempts local ordinances for cottage food operations (§81-2,280(8): state provisions supersede and preempt any political subdivision ordinance not in conformance)

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct consumer sales: farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, other public events, home pickup/delivery. Online/mail order within Nebraska and to states where legal. Non-TCS foods may be delivered via mail/commercial courier. TCS foods must be delivered in person by producer.

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.douglascounty-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.douglascounty-ne.gov>

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

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

Douglas County and nearby places

Regulation	Douglas County	Sarpy County	Dodge County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Nebraska cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.	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 consumer sales: farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, other public events, home pickup/delivery. Online/mail order within ...	Nebraska cottage food allows direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, events, home pickup, and delivery....	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only (LB 262 of 2024 expanded allowed foods but still excludes: animal products/byproducts, raw milk/milk products, raw eggs,...	Nebraska cottage food law (§81-2,280, significantly amended by LB262 effective July 19, 2024) allows non-TCS foods from a private home kitc...	State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; safe handling to prevent adulteration	Non-TCS foods standard; some TCS foods now allowed (LB262, 2024) with specific handling requirements. Prohibited: animal parts, raw milk, r...	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	582,638	191,272	36,565

More pages for this place

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

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