

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

What you need

Lancaster 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 →

<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/lancaster-county>

Lancaster County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/nebraska/lancaster-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

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. No county-specific home occupation permit identified. City of Lincoln may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Health

No. Complaint-based investigation possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, fairs, festivals, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale

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.lancaster.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.lancaster.ne.gov>

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

Lancaster County and nearby places

Regulation	Lancaster County	Cass County	Saunders County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, fairs, festivals, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	NDA registration required; food handler certificate required; direct to consumer sales only (farmers markets, events, roadside stands); no ...	State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	—
POPULATION	322,063	27,132	22,374

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

Nebraska cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/nebraska

Lancaster County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/nebraska/lancaster-county