

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

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BUSINESS LICENSE

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

What you need

Merrick 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

—

LOCAL HEALTH

—

BUSINESS LICENSE

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PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

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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 →

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Permit page for this place →

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Merrick 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

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Health

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Business license

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Pickup / delivery

Ask Planning before you advertise pickup at the house.

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.merrickcounty.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.merrickcounty.gov>

Merrick County and nearby places

Regulation	Merrick County	Howard County	Hamilton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	—	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required	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 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
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	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...
FOOD STORAGE	—	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	7,675	6,274	9,324

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