

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Jefferson County, New York?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Varies	Varies	—

NEW YORK RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[New York permits PDF](#)[New York cottage food law page](#)[New York Department of Agriculture and Markets cottage food program](#)[Statute: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Jefferson County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Jefferson County, New York. 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.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

New York registers home processors at the state. Home Processor registration is with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, not the county health department. Suffolk, Nassau, and other county health pages will not have a separate cottage-food application. Confirm labeling and the AGM registration page in this file.

Official source: [NYS AGM home processing](#)

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<https://crosodo.com/states/new-york/jefferson-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

New York registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.

New York permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/new-york.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/new-york

New York Department of Agriculture and Markets: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

Statute: [N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4](#); [1 CRR-NY 276.4](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No specific Jefferson County home occupation permit requirements found. NY Home Processor registration is the primary requirement. Local municipality zoning may require home occupation permits. Jefferson County includes Fort Drum (US Army post). Contact Jefferson County Planning or Watertown city zoning.

Health

No. No routine inspections. Complaint-driven investigation possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale also allowed under NY Home Processor.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is Article 20-C or a health permit, not Home Processor. New York Home Processor is a state AGM registration for a home kitchen. If you hold a DOH permit or AGM 20-C license, homemade food must be made at that licensed facility. A commissary is that licensed facility.

Official source: [NYS AGM food processing](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.jeffersoncounty.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.jeffersoncounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	Oswego County	St. Lawrence County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction, but local zoning officials should be consulted before commencing home-based business.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within New York State only). Wholesale also...	NY allows sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online (within New Yor...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (kill step/baking required). Registration free and location-specifi...	New York Home Processor program allows pre-packaged non-TCS baked goods (must be baked - kill step required). All products must be shelf-st...	New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — no no-bake items), certain jams, jellies, preserves, snack mixes, and ...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No no-bake items, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee.	Shelf-stable baked goods only. No refrigerated products. No no-bake items, fudge, nut butters, roasted coffee.	All products must be non-potentially hazardous and pre-packaged in the home. Prohibited: refrigerated or TCS products, no-bake items, pickl...
POPULATION	117,445	118,037	108,670

More pages for this place

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

New York permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/new-york.pdf

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