

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Tompkins 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

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.

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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New York permits PDF →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/new-york/tompkins-county>

Tompkins County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/new-york/tompkins-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

Conditional. Tompkins County municipalities may have home occupation requirements. NY State recommends consulting local zoning officials before commencing any home-based business. The City of Ithaca and surrounding towns (Lansing, Dryden, etc.) each have their own zoning. Tompkins County Environmental Health handles food permits for licensed establishments; Home Processor Exemption (no license) does not trigger their permitting.

Health

No. No routine inspections. NY Ag & Markets administers the Home Processor Exemption. Tompkins County Environmental Health (607-274-6688) handles local food program permits for licensed establishments.

Health: <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within NYS only. Wholesale to local facilities (restaurants, cafes, grocery stores) within NYS also permitted.

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.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh>

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.tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh>

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

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Tompkins County and nearby places

Regulation	Tompkins County	Chemung County	Cayuga County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	NY state recommends consulting local zoning officials before starting. Tompkins County Environmental Health administers local food program ...	Not specified in state law.	Not explicitly stated; standard sanitary practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and internet — all within NYS only. ...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online permitted within New ...	Products may be sold at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online within...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New York Home Processor Exemption: Only baked goods (must be baked — all products must have a pathogen kill step), certain jams, jellies, p...	New York Home Processor Exemption: only baked goods and some jams/jellies/ preserves that are shelf-stable and non-PHF are allowed. All prod...	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable baked goods only (must be baked — pathogen kill step required). Products must be pre-packaged and la...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF only. Pre-packaged in home required. Prohibited: refrigerated/TCS products, no-bake items, pickles, relishes, sauces, salsas, vineg...	No specific statutory requirement.	Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.
POPULATION	102,555	83,584	76,171

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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