

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Robeson County, North Carolina?

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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NORTH CAROLINA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[North Carolina permits PDF](#)[North Carolina cottage food law page](#)[North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: 02 NCAC 9C.0307](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Robeson County, North Carolina. 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

Yes

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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North Carolina permits PDF →

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

Where to file

State

North Carolina registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Home processors may sell to retail stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers. Sales at farmers markets are permitted. Labels are required for wholesale and packaged self-service retail; direct hand-to-consumer sales (e.g., from home or at events) may be exempt from affixed labels if ingredient info is available on request. NC requires annual home kitchen inspection, which is unusual among no-cap states.

North Carolina permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/north-carolina

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processor>

Statute: [02 NCAC 9C.0307](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No specific Robeson County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. North Carolina NCDA&CS home processor registration is the primary regulatory requirement. County and local municipality zoning may require home occupation permits separately. Contact Robeson County Planning or Lumberton city planning.

Health

Yes. Annual inspection by NCDA&CS Food and Drug Protection Division required to maintain registration.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

North Carolina allows direct and indirect sales (retail stores, restaurants allowed). No sales cap. Products must be shelf-stable. No online shipping outside NC.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

NCDA or the local health department, depending on the food. North Carolina home processors register with NCDA. A commissary used as a food service kitchen is typically permitted by the local health department; a food manufacturing plant is NCDA. Ask the kitchen which license they operate under.

Official source: [NCDHHS food protection](#)

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

<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-and-drug-protection/home-processor-inspections>

Robeson County and nearby places

Regulation	Robeson County	Hoke County	Columbus County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant for a home processor permit. This is a complete pet prohibition, not limited to producti...	Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time during operation — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant from the home p...	Pets absolutely prohibited in the home at any time — presence of any indoor pet disqualifies the applicant.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	North Carolina allows direct and indirect sales (retail stores, restaurants allowed). No sales cap. Products must be shelf-stable. No onlin...	Products may be sold directly to consumers. Allowed sales channels include retail stores, restaurants (if produced lawfully), and direct-to...	Products may be sold directly to consumers at retail stores, restaurants, and farmers markets, or via direct-to-consumer delivery. No expli...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	North Carolina requires an annual kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets anywhere in the home disqualify the applicant (full prohibition, not ...	Home kitchen must pass NCDA&CS inspection before production begins. No pets allowed in home at any time (GMP violation). Kitchen must meet ...	Home kitchen must pass NCDA&CS inspection before production begins. No pets allowed in home at any time. Kitchen must meet 21 CFR 117 Subpa...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products only. Acidified foods require pH or water activity testing. Refrigerated/frozen products prohibited.	Only shelf-stable products; no refrigerated products permitted. Equipment and supplies must be stored inside the dwelling.	Only shelf-stable products; no refrigerated products permitted.
POPULATION	117,573	52,612	50,827

More pages for this place

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

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