

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Mercer County, North Dakota?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

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SALES CAP

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NORTH DAKOTA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[North Dakota permits PDF](#)

[North Dakota cottage food law page](#)

North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Department of Health) cottage food program

Statute: N.D. Cent. Code [§23-09.5-01](#) through [§23-09.5-02](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Mercer County, North Dakota. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

No

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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North Dakota permits PDF →

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North Dakota cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/north-dakota>

Permit page for this place →

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

Where to file

State

North Dakota registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Transactions must be directly between the cottage food operator and the 'informed end consumer' and solely for home consumption. Products may not be sold or used in any food establishment, food processing plant, or food store. No wholesale channel is permitted.

North Dakota permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-dakota.pdf

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

North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Department of Health): <https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

Statute: [N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02](#)

Zoning / home occupation

No

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 units license food establishments. North Dakota cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a food establishment licensed by the local health unit.

Official source: [ND HHS food and lodging](#)

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

Mercer County and nearby places

Regulation	Mercer County	McLean County	Dunn County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	No state restriction specified.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct pro...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	No
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include cons...
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.
POPULATION	8,366	9,781	4,380

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

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