

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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

What you need

Ward 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

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.

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North Dakota permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-dakota.pdf>

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/north-dakota/ward-county>

Ward County cottage food law page →

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

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

Varies. No county govt URL provided. Ward County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Minot has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only; no indirect/wholesale sales

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.wardcounty.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.wardcounty.gov>

<https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

Ward County and nearby places

Regulation	Ward County	McLean County	Mountrail County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only; no indirect/wholesale sales	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no indirect s...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	—	—
POPULATION	69,532	9,781	9,648

More pages for this place

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

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