

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Clinton County, Pennsylvania?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

PENNSYLVANIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Pennsylvania permits PDF](#)[Pennsylvania cottage food law page](#)[Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Clinton County, Pennsylvania. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Conditional**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Pennsylvania permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf>

**Pennsylvania cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania>

**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

Pennsylvania registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

Pennsylvania permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania](https://crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Statute: [3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Clinton County has no county-wide zoning. Lock Haven City and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.

### Health

Yes. Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 2 (Montoursville office)

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**PDA Limited Food Establishment is still not a retail commissary.** Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment covers certain residential-style kitchens. A retail commissary or shared kitchen typically needs a Retail Food Facility license as well. Ask PDA and the local health department.

Official source: [PDA limited food establishment](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.clintoncountypa.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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://www.clintoncountypa.gov>

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment->

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## Clinton County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Clinton County                                                                                                                                  | Union County                                                                                                                                    | Potter County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection                                                         | Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.                                                                                  | Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.                                                                                  |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility Lice...  | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.                          | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.                          |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit applic... | Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi... | Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product                                                          | Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.                                                       | Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.                                                       |
| POPULATION                 | 38,632                                                                                                                                          | 44,923                                                                                                                                          | 16,526                                                                                                                                          |

## More pages for this place

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

Pennsylvania permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf)

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