

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Meade County, South Dakota?

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

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| STATE FOOD PERMIT | HOME OCCUPATION | BUSINESS LICENSE | SALES CAP |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| No                | No              | Varies           | —         |

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SOUTH DAKOTA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[South Dakota permits PDF](#)

[South Dakota cottage food law page](#)

[South Dakota Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: SDCL §34-18-35](#)

**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Meade County, South 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

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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[South Dakota permits PDF →](#)

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

[South Dakota cottage food law page →](#)

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/south-dakota/meade-county>

[Meade County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/south-dakota/meade-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

South Dakota registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. The statute does not restrict sales to direct-to-consumer channels only. Items are subject to sales tax. Local governments (counties, townships, municipalities) may not pass ordinances restricting, prohibiting, or imposing licensure on homemade food item sales under SDCL §34-18-1 definitions.

South Dakota permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-dakota.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-dakota.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/south-dakota](https://crosodo.com/states/south-dakota)

South Dakota Department of Health: <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/food-protection/cottage-foods/>

Statute: [SDCL §34-18-35](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

No. No state-level permit or registration required for cottage food production under SDCL §34-18-35. State law preempts county/municipal restrictions. Meade County has no identified separate home occupation permit requirement for cottage food operations compliant with state law. A general business license from Sturgis or Meade County may be required for any commercial activity, but is not specific to cottage food.

### Health

No. No routine inspection required. The SD Department of Health may respond to foodborne illness complaints but does not conduct pre-operational inspections for cottage food producers.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales both permitted. Allowed channels include home pickup, farmers markets, roadside stands, online sales, in-state shipping, and retail consignment. No sales cap under state law.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**DOH licenses food service.** South Dakota cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by the Department of Health.

Official source: [SD DOH food](#)

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

<https://doh.sd.gov/topics/food-protection/cottage-foods/>

[https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified\\_Laws/2050018](https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2050018)

## Meade County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Meade County                                                                                                                                   | Lawrence County                                                                                                                                | Butte County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in South Dakota cottage food law.                                                                                  | No specific pet restriction in South Dakota cottage food law.                                                                                  | No specific pet restriction in South Dakota cottage food law.                                                                                  |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct and indirect sales both permitted. Allowed channels include home pickup, farmers markets, roadside stands, online sales, in-state sh... | Direct and indirect sales both permitted. Allowed channels include home pickup, farmers markets, roadside stands, online sales, in-state sh... | Direct and indirect sales both permitted. Allowed channels include home pickup, farmers markets, roadside stands, online sales, in-state sh... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | South Dakota cottage food law (SDCL §34-18-35, expanded by SL 2022 ch 106) exempts non-temperature-controlled foods, home-processed baked g... | South Dakota cottage food law (SDCL §34-18-35, expanded by SL 2022 ch 106) exempts non-temperature-controlled foods, home-processed baked g... | South Dakota cottage food law (SDCL §34-18-35, expanded by SL 2022 ch 106) exempts non-temperature-controlled foods, home-processed baked g... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-temperature-controlled (shelf-stable) foods only; refrigerated or hot-held foods require standard licensure.                               | Non-temperature-controlled (shelf-stable) foods only; refrigerated or hot-held foods require standard licensure.                               | Non-temperature-controlled (shelf-stable) foods only; refrigerated or hot-held foods require standard licensure.                               |
| POPULATION                 | 29,970                                                                                                                                         | 26,047                                                                                                                                         | 10,369                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

South Dakota permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-dakota.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-dakota.pdf)

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