

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Mellette 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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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

State law page: 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. Mellette County has no identified separate home occupation permit requirement for cottage food operations compliant with state law. A general business license from White River or Mellette 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.mellettecounty.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.mellettecounty.gov>

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

https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2050018

Mellette County and nearby places

Regulation	Mellette County	Jackson County	Jones 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	1,989	2,838	1,006

More pages for this place

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

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