

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Brunswick County, Virginia?

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

**Tiered**

VIRGINIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Virginia permits PDF](#)[Virginia cottage food law page](#)[Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Brunswick County, Virginia. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Virginia permits PDF →](#)

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

[Virginia cottage food law page →](#)

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

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/virginia/brunswick-county>

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

<https://crosodo.com/states/virginia/brunswick-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Virginia registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB402>

Virginia permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf)

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

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Statute: [Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

No. Brunswick County is subject to Virginia cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130), which requires no state permit, registration, or inspection. Virginia does NOT preempt local ordinances — cities and counties may impose additional requirements. Many Virginia localities require a general business license (\$30–\$100/yr). Contact the Brunswick County administrator or county clerk for any local business license or home occupation permit requirements.

### Health

No. No routine inspection required at state level.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail sales. No shipping.

**If you rent a commissary kitchen**

**VDACS treats a commercial kitchen as a food-processing operation.** Virginia cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary or commercial kitchen that manufactures food for sale needs a VDACS inspection and permit. VDACS publishes a commercial-kitchen food-processing application. Local health departments permit restaurants and similar food establishments.

Official source: [VDACS home and commercial kitchen businesses](#)

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

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

## Brunswick County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Brunswick County                                                                                                                               | Nottoway County                                                                                                                                | Lunenburg County                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         | No specific state cottage food pet restriction.                                                                                                | No specific state cottage food pet restriction.                                                                                                |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Sales allowed only at the producer's home or at farmers markets and temporary events (events capped at 14 consecutive days). No online sale... | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.    | Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale.    |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | No                                                                                                                                             | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Likely                                                                                                                                         | Likely                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Va. Code §3.2-5130 provides the home kitchen food processing exemption. No permit, registration, or inspection required at the state level.... | Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a p... | Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a p... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                  | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                                               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.                                                                                                               |
| POPULATION                 | 15,965                                                                                                                                         | 15,638                                                                                                                                         | 11,988                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

Virginia permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf)

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