

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Iowa?

Home kitchen sales in Iowa. Then check your city or county. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	KITCHEN INSPECTION	SALES CAP	PLACES IN THIS FILE
No	No	—	99

IOWA RULES

[Iowa cottage food law page](#)

[Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals cottage food program](#)

[Statute: Iowa Code §137F.1 / §137F.20](#)

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This is what the state asks for a home cottage bakery. Local zoning still applies even when the state requires no food permit.

What the state asks

Registration: No. Routine inspection: No. Sales cap: —.

Cottage food direct-to-consumer sales only; however, a separate Home Food Processing Establishment (HFPE) license allows indirect retail and wholesale sales of almost any food including perishables.

Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals: <https://dia.iowa.gov/food-safety/home-food-establishment>

Statute: [Iowa Code §137F.1 / §137F.20](#)

Iowa cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/iowa. Pick your city or county: crosodo.com/what-permits.

Iowa counties and independent cities

Each city or county can add zoning and a business license. Independent cities are listed separately from the surrounding county.

Place	Home occupation	Business license	Pickup
Polk County	No	No	Yes
Louisa County	No	No	Yes
Lyon County	No	No	Yes
Jefferson County	No	No	Yes
Madison County	No	No	Yes
Mahaska County	No	No	Yes
Marion County	No	No	Yes
Lee County	No	No	Yes
Kossuth County	No	No	Yes
Keokuk County	No	No	Yes
Jones County	No	No	Yes
Jasper County	No	No	Yes
Jackson County	No	No	Yes
Iowa County	No	No	Yes
Ida County	No	No	Yes
Humboldt County	No	No	Yes
Mills County	No	No	Yes
Pottawattamie County	No	No	Yes
Story County	No	No	Yes
Dubuque County	No	No	Yes
Marshall County	No	No	Yes
Mitchell County	No	No	Yes
Wayne County	No	No	Yes
Webster County	No	No	Yes
Winnebago County	No	No	Yes
Wapello County	No	No	Yes

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Washington County	No	No	Yes
Van Buren County	No	No	Yes
Monona County	No	No	Yes
Plymouth County	No	No	Yes
Monroe County	No	No	Yes
Montgomery County	No	No	Yes
Muscatine County	No	No	Yes
O'Brien County	No	No	Yes
Osceola County	No	No	Yes
Page County	No	No	Yes
Palo Alto County	No	No	Yes
Pocahontas County	No	No	Yes
Union County	No	No	Yes
Poweshiek County	No	No	Yes
Ringgold County	No	No	Yes
Sac County	No	No	Yes
Shelby County	No	No	Yes
Sioux County	No	No	Yes
Tama County	No	No	Yes
Taylor County	No	No	Yes
Linn County	No	No	Yes
Lucas County	No	No	Yes
Howard County	Conditional	No	Yes
Adams County	Conditional	No	Yes
Calhoun County	Conditional	No	Yes
Carroll County	Conditional	No	Yes
Cass County	Conditional	No	Yes
Cedar County	Conditional	No	Yes
Cerro Gordo County	Conditional	No	Yes
Cherokee County	Conditional	No	Yes
Chickasaw County	Conditional	No	Yes
Clarke County	Conditional	No	Yes
Clay County	Conditional	No	Yes
Clayton County	Conditional	No	Yes
Butler County	Conditional	No	Yes
Crawford County	Conditional	No	Yes
Appanoose County	Conditional	No	Yes
Allamakee County	Conditional	No	Yes
Benton County	Conditional	No	Yes
Adair County	Conditional	No	Yes
Boone County	Conditional	No	Yes
Bremer County	Conditional	No	Yes

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Buchanan County	Conditional	No	Yes
Buena Vista County	Conditional	No	Yes
Clinton County	Conditional	No	Yes
Audubon County	Conditional	No	Yes
Fremont County	Conditional	No	Yes
Floyd County	Conditional	No	Yes
Grundy County	Conditional	No	Yes
Hancock County	Conditional	No	Yes
Hardin County	Conditional	No	Yes
Greene County	Conditional	No	Yes
Guthrie County	Conditional	No	Yes
Franklin County	Conditional	No	Yes
Harrison County	Conditional	No	Yes
Hamilton County	Conditional	No	Yes
Henry County	Conditional	No	Yes
Delaware County	Conditional	No	Yes
Davis County	Conditional	No	Yes
Decatur County	Conditional	No	Yes
Emmet County	Conditional	No	Yes
Fayette County	Conditional	No	Yes
Dickinson County	Conditional	No	Yes
Des Moines County	Conditional	No	Yes
Scott County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Dallas County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Woodbury County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Johnson County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Wright County	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
Worth County	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
Winneshiek County	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
Black Hawk County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Warren County	Varies	Varies	Yes