

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Tennessee?

Home kitchen sales in Tennessee. 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	—	95

TENNESSEE RULES

[Tennessee cottage food law page](#)

[Tennessee Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: Tenn. Code §53-1-125 \(Food Freedom Act\)](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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: —.

The Tennessee Food Freedom Act (Public Chapter 862, effective July 1, 2022) broadly exempts production and sale of non-TCS homemade food items from all licensing, permitting, inspecting, packaging, and labeling laws. Sales may be direct to consumer in person or remotely. Local government ordinances restricting homemade food sales are preempted. Note: Prior to the 2022 Food Freedom Act, the older domestic kitchen regulations (TDA Chapter 0080-4-11) required a permit, inspection, and food safety certification, and limited sales to 100 units/week; the Food Freedom Act supersedes these requirements for qualifying non-TCS homemade foods.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture: <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html>

Statute: [Tenn. Code §53-1-125 \(Food Freedom Act\)](#)

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

Tennessee 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
Hamilton County	Conditional	Yes	Yes
Bradley County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Maury County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Gibson County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Bedford County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Montgomery County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Sumner County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Knox County	Yes	Varies	Yes
Sullivan County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Wilson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Williamson County	Yes	Varies	Yes
Rutherford County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Blount County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Washington County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Claiborne County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Clay County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Coffee County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Chester County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Cheatham County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Carroll County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Cannon County	Varies	Varies	Yes

Place	Home occupation	Business license	Pickup
Cooke County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Campbell County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hickman County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Houston County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Carter County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Crockett County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hawkins County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Bledsoe County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Henderson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Greene County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Tipton County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Jackson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Johnson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Cumberland County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Benton County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hamblen County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Humphreys County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Henry County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Fayette County	Varies	Varies	Yes
DeKalb County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Dyer County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Fentress County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Franklin County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Sevier County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Madison County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Decatur County	Varies	Varies	Yes
McMinn County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Grainger County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hancock County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Dickson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Roane County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Grundy County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Jefferson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Haywood County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hardin County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Hardeman County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Giles County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Loudon County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Davidson County	Conditional	Yes	Yes
Shelby County	Conditional	Varies	Yes
Robertson County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Anderson County	Varies	Varies	Yes

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Putnam County	Varies	Varies	Yes
Marshall County	—	—	—
Smith County	—	—	—
Sequatchie County	—	—	—
Scott County	—	—	—
Rhea County	—	—	—
Polk County	—	—	—
Pickett County	—	—	—
Perry County	—	—	—
Overton County	—	—	—
Obion County	—	—	—
Morgan County	—	—	—
Moore County	—	—	—
Monroe County	—	—	—
Meigs County	—	—	—
Lake County	—	—	—
Lauderdale County	—	—	—
Lawrence County	—	—	—
Lewis County	—	—	—
Lincoln County	—	—	—
McNairy County	—	—	—
Macon County	—	—	—
Stewart County	—	—	—
White County	—	—	—
Weakley County	—	—	—
Wayne County	—	—	—
Warren County	—	—	—
Van Buren County	—	—	—
Union County	—	—	—
Unicoi County	—	—	—
Trousdale County	—	—	—
Marion County	—	—	—