LABEL MOCKUP · ME

Maine Cottage Food Label Template

Print-ready layout using Crosodo labeling research and official agency sources. Educational only — verify wording with your state agency before production.

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How to use this template

Replace product name, business name, address, ingredients, and net weight for each SKU. Keep allergen statements in plain English. Do not paraphrase required disclaimer language when the state mandates exact wording.

Federal baseline (every state builds on this)

Most cottage food laws assume you still follow core federal food-labeling ideas for packaged foods sold to consumers. States add home-kitchen disclaimers, registration numbers, county names, or exact wording on top.

Product identity: Common or usual name of the food (plain English).

Ingredients: List in descending order of predominance by weight, including sub-ingredients where required.

Major allergens (FALCPA / FASTER Act): Milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, and sesame — declare when present (e.g. “Contains: Wheat, Milk”).

Net quantity: Net weight or volume in U.S. customary (and often metric) units.

Producer identity: Name and contact/address or a state-allowed substitute ID number.

State cottage disclaimer: Exact “made in a home kitchen / not inspected” wording when the statute mandates it.

FDA food labeling overview: https://www.fda.gov/food/food-labeling-nutrition

Major food allergens (FDA): https://www.fda.gov/food/food-labeling-nutrition/food-allergies

FALCPA background: https://www.fda.gov/food/food-allergensgluten-free-guidance-documents-regulatory-information/food-allergen-labeling-and-consumer-protection-act-2004-falcpa

How to use each state page

- Copy the **required disclaimer exactly** when the state publishes mandated wording (often all caps).
- Replace product name, bakery name, address or registration ID, ingredients, allergens, and net weight for every SKU.
- Open the **official agency URL** on the page and re-check before market season — legislatures amend cottage food acts frequently.
- Pair this pack with Crosodo’s official label-example screenshots and free per-state PDFs at https://crosodo.com/resources/label-templates

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Maine labeling notes

Statute: 7 M.R.S.A. §282 (Food Sovereignty Act)

Font requirement: (none specified)

Required disclaimer: (no exact wording mandated)

Summary: Under the statewide license, label requirements apply for packaged products sold away from the home; however, no label is required for products sold directly from the producer's home. Labels for retail/market sales must include standard food labeling information. The Food Sovereignty Act municipal ordinance pathway may have different local requirements.

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Sourdough Loaf

Your Home Bakery

Ingredients: wheat flour, water, salt, sourdough starter (flour, water).

Contains: Wheat.

Net Wt 16 oz (454 g)

123 Market St, Your City, ME 00000

MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION.

Sources & citations

Official sources for Maine

State agency: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection/home_food_processor.shtml

Statute / code: https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/7/title7sec282.html

Cooperative Extension: https://extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/

Forrager state guide: https://forrager.com/law/maine/

Crosodo directory: https://crosodo.com/states/maine

Crosodo labeling guide: https://crosodo.com/blog/maine-cottage-food-labeling

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Not legal advice. Crosodo aggregates public agency guidance for cottage bakers. Always re-check current rules before selling.