LABEL MOCKUP · TN

# Tennessee 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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## Tennessee labeling notes

**Statute:** Tenn. Code §53-1-125 (Food Freedom Act)

**Font requirement:** (none specified)

**Required disclaimer:** (no exact wording mandated)

**Summary:** Under the Tennessee Food Freedom Act, homemade food items are exempt from state packaging and labeling laws (except during DOH foodborne illness investigation). No specific labeling requirements are imposed by the statute. Best practice is to include product name, ingredients, and producer contact information.

## Label mockup

### 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, TN 00000

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

## Sources & citations

**Official sources for Tennessee**

State agency: https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/food/food-manufacturing/domestic-kitchen.html

Statute / code: https://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2021/title-53/chapter-8/

Cooperative Extension: https://extension.tennessee.edu/Pages/default.aspx

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

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

Crosodo labeling guide: https://crosodo.com/blog/tennessee-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.