

Alabama Cottage Food Law

The Law: *Individuals can produce certain nonhazardous foods in their homes.*



Cottage food **cannot** be sold to the following:

- Restaurants
- Novelty shops
- Grocery stores
- Over the Internet



Foods that can be sold directly to the consumer:

- Candies
- Jams and jellies
- Dried herbs
- Dried herb mixes
- Baked goods
 - › Cakes
 - › Cookies
 - › Pastries
 - › Doughnuts
 - › Danish
 - › Breads



Foods that **cannot** be sold directly to the consumer:

- Baked goods with an ingredient that requires refrigeration:
 - › Custard pies
 - › Danish with cream filling
 - › Cakes with a whipped topping
- Juices from fruits and vegetables
- Milk products
- Soft or hard cheeses
- Pickles
- Barbeque sauces
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Garlic in oil
- Meats in any form



The Cottage Food Law requires the following on labels:

- Name of the individuals or business
- Address of the individual or business
- Statement: **THIS FOOD IS NOT INSPECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**



The person operating a food business under the Cottage Food Law must attend and pass a food safety course approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health every 5 years.



A note about sales: You cannot exceed \$20,000 in sales of the food described under the Alabama Cottage Food Law.

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For more information, call your county Extension office. Look in your telephone directory under your county's name to find the number.

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