



Food Protection Program

Cottage Food Law

The Illinois Cottage Food Law allows certain foods made in home kitchens to be sold at Illinois farmers' markets, upon registration with the local health department.

To register your cottage food business the following items are to be submitted in one package:

- Cottage Food Application
- A copy of your City of Chicago Certified Food Manager Certificate
- A list of all of your menu items
- A copy of your label that meets the requirements of the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and includes the following information for each product:
 - (A) the name and address of the cottage food operation;
 - (B) the common or usual name of the food product;
 - (C) all ingredients of the food product,
 - (D) the following phrase: "This product was produced in a home kitchen not subject to public health inspection that may also process common food allergens.";
 - (E) the date the product was processed;
 - (F) allergen labeling as specified in federal labeling requirements; and
 - (G) the name and residence of the person preparing and selling products as a cottage food operation.
- A laboratory report for any food item not listed on the Cottage Food Application
- Submit your information by e-mail, mail, flash drive or CD-Rom to CDPH for review.
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- Please note: approved foods are limited to dry spices, jams, jellies, and baked goods.
- A copy of the law can be found here: [Cottage Food Operation law \(P.A.097-0393\)](#)