Interested in starting a Cottage Food business?

**What is the Cottage Food Law?**

In the State of Illinois, the Cottage Food Law allows certain foods to be sold directly to customers at public events such as festivals and farmers markets. They can also be sold from a home or shipped within the State of Illinois. They cannot be sold to stores or food establishments.

**What foods can I sell?**

Operators are allowed to sell foods that are not listed on the prohibited foods list.

**How can I become a Cottage Food Operator?**

You must first register with the St Clair County Health Department. Complete all required steps and forms in the Cottage Food Registration Checklist.

For more information click on the [IDPH Cottage Food Guide](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ckgot%5COneDrive%20-%20COUNTY%20OF%20ST%20CLAIR%5CEnvironmental%20Health%20Website%5CIDPH%20Cottage%20Food%20Guide-%202022.pdf) or contact the St Clair County Health Department at 618-233-7769.