Where to sell homemade food in Omaha

A one-page list for Nebraska cottage food producers, November 2026. Dates, fees and rules change, so check with each organizer before you apply, and ask whether they accept cottage food.

BEFORE YOU SELL

1. **Take an approved food safety course.** UNL Extension's online Cottage Food course is $25, in English or Spanish: **cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu**
2. **Register, free, with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture: nda.nebraska.gov/fscp/foods/cottagefood.html**
3. **Label every item**, including the notice Nebraska requires: made in a kitchen not subject to regulation and inspection, and may contain allergens.
4. **Selling at a market or event in Douglas County?** Check the county health department's food-vendor steps: **douglascountyhealth.com**

The course and registration aren't needed if you sell only non-perishable foods at farmers markets. Details: cottagefoodlaw.unl.edu.

FARMERS MARKETS (ABOUT MAY TO OCTOBER)

- **Omaha Farmers Market**, Old Market and Aksarben Village: **omahafarmersmarket.com**
- **Legacy Farmers Market** (formerly Village Pointe), west Omaha
- **Florence Mill Farmers Market**, north Omaha
- **Benson Farmers Market**
- **Papillion Farmers Market**: **papillion.gov**
- **Bellevue Farmers Market**: **bellevue.net**
- **Bennington, Gretna and Ralston** (Ralston Green Market) markets

WINTER AND HOLIDAY MARKETS

- **Omaha Winter Market**, Sundays November to March at Fowling Warehouse (Instagram @omahawintermarkets)
- **Omaha Farmers Market Holiday Market**, early December, Aksarben Village
- **Bellevue Winter Market**
- **Omaha Holiday Boutique**, each November: **omahaholidayboutique.com**
- **School and church craft fairs**, fall and early spring (watch their Facebook pages)

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THAT BOOK VENDORS

- **Cinco de Mayo Omaha**, May, South 24th Street: **cdmomaha.com**
- **Taste of Omaha**, late spring at the RiverFront: **tasteofomaha.info**
- **Juneteenth JoyFest**, June: **juneteenthjoyfest.com**
- **Night Market and Market in the Park**, Midtown Crossing: **midtowncrossing.com**
- **Melanin Market Omaha**: **melaninmarketomaha.com**
- **Douglas County Fair**, July, Ralston: **douglascountyfair.org**
- **Sarpy County Fair**, summer, Springfield: **sarpyfair.com**

Many events open vendor applications in winter.

SELLING ONLINE

Nebraska lets cottage food producers take orders online from customers in Nebraska. Perishable foods must be picked up from you or delivered by you, not shipped.

- **OmahaFoodie Market**, Omaha-owned: order ahead, pickup from you or delivery by you. 4% plus card processing per sale; buyers pay no service fee: **omahafoodie.com/makers**
- **Hotplate**, pre-order "drops" for home food makers. Fees on its site: **hotplate.com**
- **Etsy**, a national marketplace; cottage food sales must stay within Nebraska. Fees on its site: **etsy.com**
- **Your own website or social pages**, with pickup or delivery by you

FREE HELP

- **Nebraska Business Development Center**, free one-on-one coaching: **unomaha.edu/nebraska-business-development-center**
- **Latino Economic Development Council**: **latinoedc.org**
- **UNL Food Processing Center**, the "Recipe to Reality" seminar for food start-ups: **fpc.unl.edu**

GROWING BEYOND COTTAGE FOOD

- **Shared commercial kitchens:** No More Empty Pots, Omaha (**nmepomaha.org**); Kitchen Council, Council Bluffs, under Iowa rules (**kitchencouncil.org**)

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