COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Colorado

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

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C.R.S. §25-4-1614	Great	B-	64	2026-05-05

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This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Colorado Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment · C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment · https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

Colorado's cottage food rules are set by C.R.S. §25-4-1614. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Colorado?

- Colorado Cottage Foods Act

What is the annual sales cap?

- Tiered (see notes)

Is registration or a permit required?

- Yes

Is a food handler certificate required?

- Yes (specific course)

Are kitchen inspections required?

- Upon-complaint

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Allowed non-refrigerated nonpotentially hazardous foods include baked goods (including candies, tortillas, empanadas), pickled fruits and vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, and fermented foods.
- Whole eggs may be sold under a 250-dozen-per-month limit.

What foods are prohibited?

- Prohibited foods include perishable baked goods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, meat jerkies, juices, and kombucha. Foods requiring refrigeration are not permitted under the current law (pending HB 26-1033 which would expand this if enacted).

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels must include the product name, producer's name and address, phone number or email, and the statement: 'This product was produced in a home kitchen that is not subject to state licensure or inspection.
- This product is not intended for resale.' A sign with this same statement must be displayed at the point of sale.

Statute excerpt

C.R.S. §25-4-1614

What does the Colorado cottage food statute say?

- 25-4-1614. Home kitchens - exemption - food inspection - short title - definitions - rules. (2)(b)(I) A producer is permitted under this section to sell only a limited range of foods that have been produced, processed, or packaged that are nonpotentially hazardous and do not require refrigeration.
- These foods include pickled fruits and vegetables, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, flour, and baked goods, including candies, fruit empanadas, and tortillas and other nonpotentially hazardous foods.
- (2)(c) A producer must take a food safety course that includes basic food handling training and is comparable to, or is, a course given by the Colorado state university extension service or a state, county, or district public health agency and must maintain a status of good standing in accordance with the course requirements.
- (2)(e) This section applies only to producers who earn net revenues of ten thousand dollars or less per calendar year from the sale of each eligible food product produced in the producer's home kitchen.
- (3)(a) A food product sold under this section must have an affixed label that includes at least: the name of the food product; the producer's name, the address at which the food was prepared, and the producer's current telephone number or electronic mail address; and a statement that reads: "This product was produced in a home kitchen that is not subject to state licensure or inspection. This product is not intended for resale."

Official sources

Where should I verify these rules?

- State agency cottage food page: https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods
- Statute: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

Summarized from official Colorado cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Colorado cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 64 Colorado counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION
Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION
Upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)
No — Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

RESEARCH NOTES

The $10,000 annual cap is per-product (not total revenue), so producers can sell unlimited total by offering different products. Act began 2012; amended 2013, 2015, 2016 (SB 16-058 added all non-PHF foods and internet sales). The 2022 amendment added fermented foods. Free CDPHE registration required. Note: The statute_url in the input (2022a_158_signed.pdf) points to Senate Bill 22-158 which is about species conservation trust funds, NOT the cottage food act — this appears to be an error in the input data. Actual current statute is at C.R.S. §25-4-1614. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act, 2026) is pending and would expand to allow refrigerated/meat items and remove the $10,000 per-product cap as of January 1, 2027, subject to referendum. Food handler course options: CSU Extension ($50, 3.5hr), online food handler card (~$10-15), or local health dept course. State dept cottage food URL returned 404 at verification; current page at cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods-act.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT COLORADO

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?
Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?
Yes

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?
Upon-complaint

SALES CAP
Tiered (see notes)

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?
No (Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE
Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN COLORADO

- Colorado is a Great-tier state — high or no sales cap with multiple sales channels allowed.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- Annual sales cap: Tiered (see notes).
- Direct vs indirect sales: No (Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Colorado.

Colorado Cottage Foods Act

CITATION
C.R.S. §25-4-1614

ENACTED
2012

LAST AMENDED
2022

CONFIDENCE
MEDIUM

Allowed foods

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Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

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Source: https://leg.colorado.gov/bill_files/40283/download

Official sources

Statute https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

State dept page https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

Registration https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods-act-registration

Extension service https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/nutrition-food-safety-health/cottage-foods/

Forrager.com https://forrager.com/law/colorado/

State dept of agriculture / health: **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 64 Colorado counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

COLORADO: ADAMS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #554* · FIPS 08001 · Brighton

Adams County

Population 520,149 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. $10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Direct sales to informed end consumers within Colorado only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Adams County Business Guidebook (2025, official adamscountyco.gov) states: 'We do not have a license or permit specific to home occupations; however, you must abide by our Development Standards and Regulations.' Home occupation standards are in Adams County Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07. Jurisdiction is unincorporated Adams County only. For properties within cities (Brighton, Thornton, Aurora, Commerce City, Westminster), contact the respective city's Planning Department. A Retail Food License is NOT required if operating under the Colorado Cottage Food Act. Contact Planner of the Day at 720-523-6800 or cedd-plan@adamscountyco.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (State: complaint-based. County: pre-permit site inspection possible.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. $10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Direct sales to informed end consumers within Colorado only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food safety training requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; no outdoor storage per home occupation rules

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State: complaint-based. County: pre-permit site inspection possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Adams County Business Guidebook (2025, official adamscountyco.gov) states: 'We do not have a license or permit specific to home occupations; however, you must abide by our Development Standards and Regulations.' Home occupation standards are in Adams County Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07. Jurisdiction is unincorporated Adams County only. For properties within cities (Brighton, Thornton, Aurora, Commerce City, Westminster), contact the respective city's Planning Department. A Retail Food License is NOT required if operating under the Colorado Cottage Food Act. Contact Planner of the Day at 720-523-6800 or cedd-plan@adamscountyco.gov.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Incidental pickup at home permitted. Farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online/mail/home delivery within Colorado. $10,000 per-product annual cap. No retail/restaurant sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Adams County: no specific home occupation employee limit found; follow Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07

Relevant county code

Adams County Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07 (Home Occupations). State: C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

RESEARCH NOTES

Adams County Business Guidebook 2025 PDF retrieved directly from adamscountyco.gov. Explicitly states no separate home occupation permit in unincorporated Adams County — must follow Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07. Retail Food License is NOT required for cottage food operations under Colorado Cottage Food Act per the guidebook. For incorporated cities within Adams County, contact the specific city's planning department. Colorado state law: food safety training required, $10,000 per-product cap, no retail/restaurant sales. Confidence high: official Adams County document directly retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.adcogov.org

https://adamscountyco.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CED-2025-08-Business-Guidebook-English.pdf

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/adams-county-discuss

COLORADO: ALAMOSA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3065* · FIPS 08003 · Alamosa

Alamosa County

Population 16,689 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) does not require a local permit, but Alamosa County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Producers should verify with Alamosa County Planning/Zoning whether a home occupation permit is needed. San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) may have local business resources. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) does not require a local permit, but Alamosa County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Producers should verify with Alamosa County Planning/Zoning whether a home occupation permit is needed. San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) may have local business resources. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Alamosa may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Alamosa

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Alamosa County Land Use Code

RESEARCH NOTES

No Alamosa County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. San Luis Valley county; county seat Alamosa is home to Adams State University. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning; producers should check home occupation zoning status. CDPHE registration not required but food safety course must be completed before starting. $10,000 annual cap per product type (not total revenue). HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending as of 2026 may expand law if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.alamosacounty.org/public-health
https://www.alamosacounty.org/planning-and-zoning
https://www.alamosacounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/alamosa-county-discuss

COLORADO: ARAPAHOE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1363* · FIPS 08005 · Littleton

Arapahoe County

Population 654,453 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. Products must be sold directly to informed end consumers in Colorado. No sales to restaurants or grocery stores. Must complete food safety training course before starting.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Arapahoe County Zoning Resolution Section 12-400 governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. A Miscellaneous Permit from Planning & Zoning is required. Operation must be conducted entirely within the principal dwelling by residents only; no visible advertising on premises; no outdoor storage; no truck/trailer deliveries; sales primarily by telephone or direct mail with incidental pickup permitted; must not alter neighborhood character. Up to 20% of garage may be used for storage. Incorporated cities within Arapahoe County (Aurora, Englewood, Centennial, Littleton) have separate city-level requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State: no pre-operational inspection; complaint-based only. County home occupation: a site inspection may occur prior to issuance of a miscellaneous permit.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. Products must be sold directly to informed end consumers in Colorado. No sales to restaurants or grocery stores. Must complete food safety training course before starting.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food safety training requirement; no specific separate provision
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored in home kitchen; no outdoor storage per Arapahoe County home occupation rules

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State: no pre-operational inspection; complaint-based only. County home occupation: a site inspection may occur prior to issuance of a miscellaneous permit.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Arapahoe County Zoning Resolution Section 12-400 governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. A Miscellaneous Permit from Planning & Zoning is required. Operation must be conducted entirely within the principal dwelling by residents only; no visible advertising on premises; no outdoor storage; no truck/trailer deliveries; sales primarily by telephone or direct mail with incidental pickup permitted; must not alter neighborhood character. Up to 20% of garage may be used for storage. Incorporated cities within Arapahoe County (Aurora, Englewood, Centennial, Littleton) have separate city-level requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Incidental pickup at home is permitted. Sales may occur at farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online with mail/home delivery within Colorado. No retail/restaurant sales. Cottage foods subject to income and sales tax; local business licenses may apply.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Arapahoe County home occupation rules: only residents of principal dwelling may conduct the occupation

Relevant county code

Arapahoe County Zoning Resolution Section 12-400 (Home Occupation)

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado Cottage Foods Act (C.R.S. §25-4-1614): no license/registration required by state, food safety training required, $10,000 per-product annual cap (not total), direct sales within Colorado only, no retail. State law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Arapahoe County Section 12-400 official PDF retrieved directly from arapahoeco.gov — confirms home occupation permit (Miscellaneous Permit) required for unincorporated county areas, no onsite advertising, only residents may work, no outdoor storage, no truck deliveries, incidental customer pickup allowed. Confidence high for unincorporated Arapahoe County zoning rules; city-specific rules (Aurora etc.) vary.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.arapahoegov.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://www.arapahoeco.gov/Public%20Works_Development/zoning/faq/Section%2012-400_201810181240598851.pdf
https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/colorado/

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COLORADO: ARCHULETA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3064* · FIPS 08007 · Pagosa Springs

Archuleta County

Population 14,112 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Archuleta County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Pagosa Springs area has active tourism economy. Producers should verify with Archuleta County Planning Department whether a home occupation permit is needed for unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Archuleta County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Pagosa Springs area has active tourism economy. Producers should verify with Archuleta County Planning Department whether a home occupation permit is needed for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; Town of Pagosa Springs may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with Town of Pagosa Springs

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Archuleta County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Archuleta County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Southwestern Colorado mountain county near New Mexico border; Pagosa Springs is a resort and hot springs destination. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning; producers should check home occupation zoning status. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.archuletacounty.org/168/Public-Health
https://www.archuletacounty.org/158/Planning-Zoning
https://www.archuletacounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/archuleta-county-discuss

COLORADO: BACA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3063* · FIPS 08009 · Springfield

Baca County

Population 3,367 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Baca County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Very rural southeastern plains county with minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Baca County whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; southeastern plains county - well water common
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Baca County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Very rural southeastern plains county with minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Baca County whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Baca County or Town of Springfield

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Baca County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Extremely rural southeastern Colorado plains county bordering Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Population under 4,000. Minimal county regulatory infrastructure. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bacagov.com/departments/public-health
https://www.bacagov.com/departments/planning
https://www.bacagov.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: BENT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3090* · FIPS 08011 · Las Animas

Bent County

Population 5,779 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Bent County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Rural southeastern Colorado county along the Arkansas River. Producers should verify with Bent County whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Bent County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Rural southeastern Colorado county along the Arkansas River. Producers should verify with Bent County whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Bent County or City of Las Animas

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bent County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural southeastern Colorado county; Las Animas is near Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bentcounty.org/public-health
https://www.bentcounty.org/planning
https://www.bentcounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: BOULDER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1682* · FIPS 08013 · Boulder

Boulder County

Population 328,658 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; food safety course required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct sales only; no license or inspection required · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required; HOA and local zoning must confirm home-based business allowed)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (assets.bouldercounty.gov) explicitly states: producer should confirm home-based business authorized by HOA and local zoning. Boulder County Planning Dept and City of Boulder may have home occupation permit requirements; additional business license or tax registration may apply)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (CDPHE complaint-based; contact cdphe_mfgfd@state.co.us)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required; HOA and local zoning must confirm home-based business allowed
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE complaint-based; contact cdphe_mfgfd@state.co.us
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (assets.bouldercounty.gov) explicitly states: producer should confirm home-based business authorized by HOA and local zoning. Boulder County Planning Dept and City of Boulder may have home occupation permit requirements; additional business license or tax registration may apply
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery only; no sales to restaurants or grocery stores; no interstate shipping
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Single proprietor or LLC with 2 or fewer owners

Relevant county code

Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (CDPHE/Boulder County joint guidance)

RESEARCH NOTES

Boulder County has a joint CDPHE/county-published Cottage Foods Checklist that explicitly references local zoning and HOA verification requirements. County has both a health department and planning department with relevant URLs. Per-product $10,000 CO cap is notably restrictive.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bouldercounty.gov/health
https://www.bouldercounty.gov/planning
https://www.bouldercounty.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: BROOMFIELD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1621* · FIPS 08014 · Broomfield

Broomfield County

Population 73,946 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-refrigerated nonpotentially hazardous foods. $10,000 annual cap per-product (not total revenue). Free CDPHE registration required. Inspection only upon complaint.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Broomfield is a combined city and county. Broomfield's zoning code (§17-32-020, B.M.C.) allows home occupations as permitted accessory uses subject to standards: business must be entirely within the dwelling, conducted only by inhabitants, no exterior signs, no exterior storage, no offensive impacts beyond property line, max 2 patron vehicles at a time, no commercial vehicles on site, and max 50% of first floor used for business. Broomfield does not require a separate local business license generally, but sales require a Sales Tax Department license with Planning Division review. Contact Planning Division to confirm home occupation compliance before operating.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Inspections only upon complaint per C.R.S. §25-4-1614.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-refrigerated nonpotentially hazardous foods. $10,000 annual cap per-product (not total revenue). Free CDPHE registration required. Inspection only upon complaint.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food handler course required (options: CSU Extension $50, online food handler card ~$10-15, or local health dept course).
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections only upon complaint per C.R.S. §25-4-1614.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Broomfield is a combined city and county. Broomfield's zoning code (§17-32-020, B.M.C.) allows home occupations as permitted accessory uses subject to standards: business must be entirely within the dwelling, conducted only by inhabitants, no exterior signs, no exterior storage, no offensive impacts beyond property line, max 2 patron vehicles at a time, no commercial vehicles on site, and max 50% of first floor used for business. Broomfield does not require a separate local business license generally, but sales require a Sales Tax Department license with Planning Division review. Contact Planning Division to confirm home occupation compliance before operating.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only at state level. Customer pickup from home allowed under home occupation rules but limited to max 2 patron vehicles at a time. No exterior advertising. Online in-state sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only inhabitants of the dwelling may conduct the home occupation. No outside employees allowed.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (state cottage food); Broomfield Municipal Code §17-32-020 (home occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Broomfield is a unique combined city and county in Colorado. Local home occupation rules (BMC §17-32-020) directly confirmed from Broomfield Planning Division document: no exterior signs, no exterior storage, dwelling inhabitants only, max 50% of first floor, max 2 patron vehicles, no commercial vehicles. No separate business license required but sales require Sales Tax Department license. Planning Division review required. State cottage food law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) has $10,000 per-product cap (not total revenue cap). HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending in 2026 would expand law if enacted. Confidence: high (city/county planning rules directly retrieved, state law confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://www.broomfield.org/DocumentCenter/View/1583

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/broomfield-CO/chapter_32

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/broomfield-county-discuss

COLORADO: CHAFFEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3082* · FIPS 08015 · Salida

Chaffee County

Population 20,780 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Chaffee County may require a home occupation approval for home-based businesses under county land use regulations. Salida and Buena Vista (larger communities) may require town business licenses. Contact Chaffee County Planning for zoning compliance.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law; Chaffee County Public Health conducts inspections of retail food facilities but not cottage food operations unless complaint-based)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements; Chaffee County Public Health recommends StateFoodSafety.com online training
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law; Chaffee County Public Health conducts inspections of retail food facilities but not cottage food operations unless complaint-based
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Chaffee County may require a home occupation approval for home-based businesses under county land use regulations. Salida and Buena Vista (larger communities) may require town business licenses. Contact Chaffee County Planning for zoning compliance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Salida and Town of Buena Vista may require local business licenses for operations within their limits

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Chaffee County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Chaffee County Public Health website confirmed; Chaffee County handles retail food establishment inspections separately from cottage food. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state baseline. Outdoor recreation destination (Arkansas River whitewater); active farmers market in Salida. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type. StateFoodSafety.com training recommended by county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.chaffeecounty.org/Environmental-Health-Retail-Food-Program
https://www.chaffeecounty.org/Planning
https://www.chaffeecounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://www.chaffeecounty.org/Environmental-Health-Retail-Food-Program

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/chaffee-county-discuss

COLORADO: CHEYENNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3092* · FIPS 08017 · Cheyenne Wells

Cheyenne County

Population 1,712 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Cheyenne County is very rural with minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Cheyenne County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Cheyenne County is very rural with minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Cheyenne County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county; confirm with Cheyenne County or Town of Cheyenne Wells

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Cheyenne County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Sparsely populated eastern Colorado high plains county. Population under 2,000. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.cheyennecounty.net/public-health
https://www.cheyennecounty.net/planning
https://www.cheyennecounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3096* · FIPS 08019 · Georgetown

Clear Creek County

Population 9,076 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Clear Creek County mountain communities (Georgetown, Idaho Springs, Empire) may have zoning rules affecting home-based businesses. Producers should verify with Clear Creek County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; mountain county
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Clear Creek County mountain communities (Georgetown, Idaho Springs, Empire) may have zoning rules affecting home-based businesses. Producers should verify with Clear Creek County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Idaho Springs and Town of Georgetown may require local business licenses; confirm with respective municipality

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Clear Creek County Zoning Resolution

RESEARCH NOTES

No Clear Creek County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Mountain county along I-70 corridor west of Denver; historic mining towns Georgetown and Idaho Springs. Proximity to Denver metro makes farmers markets viable. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/public-health
https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/planning
https://www.clearcreekcounty.us
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/clear-creek-county-discuss

COLORADO: CONEJOS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3117* · FIPS 08021 · Conejos

Conejos County

Population 7,549 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Conejos County is a rural San Luis Valley county. Producers should verify with Conejos County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Conejos County is a rural San Luis Valley county. Producers should verify with Conejos County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Conejos County

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Conejos County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural San Luis Valley county along Conejos River. Predominantly Hispanic agricultural community. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending may be especially relevant to this Hispanic heritage community if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.conejoscounty.com/public-health
https://www.conejoscounty.com/planning
https://www.conejoscounty.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: COSTILLA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3118* · FIPS 08023 · San Luis

Costilla County

Population 3,686 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Costilla County is rural with San Luis as the oldest continuously inhabited town in Colorado. Producers should verify with Costilla County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Costilla County is rural with San Luis as the oldest continuously inhabited town in Colorado. Producers should verify with Costilla County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Costilla County

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Costilla County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural San Luis Valley county; San Luis is Colorado's oldest town. Predominantly Hispanic community with strong traditional food culture. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending may be especially relevant if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.costillacounty.org/public-health
https://www.costillacounty.org/planning
https://www.costillacounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/costilla-county-discuss

COLORADO: CROWLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3119* · FIPS 08025 · Ordway

Crowley County

Population 5,600 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Crowley County is a very rural southeastern plains county. Producers should verify with Crowley County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Crowley County is a very rural southeastern plains county. Producers should verify with Crowley County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Crowley County or Town of Ordway

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Crowley County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Sparsely populated southeastern Colorado plains county along Arkansas River. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.crowleycounty.net/public-health
https://www.crowleycounty.net/planning
https://www.crowleycounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/crowley-county-discuss

COLORADO: CUSTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3115* · FIPS 08027 · Westcliffe

Custer County

Population 5,553 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Custer County is a small rural mountain valley county. Producers should verify with Custer County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning. Westcliffe has an active small-town community.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Custer County is a small rural mountain valley county. Producers should verify with Custer County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning. Westcliffe has an active small-town community.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; small rural county; confirm with Custer County or Town of Westcliffe

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Custer County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Custer County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Small rural mountain valley county in the Wet Mountains; Westcliffe has Sangre de Cristo views. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.custercountyco.com/public-health
https://www.custercountyco.com/planning
https://www.custercountyco.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: DELTA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3114* · FIPS 08029 · Delta

Delta County

Population 32,215 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Delta County is an agricultural Western Slope county with active farmers markets. The Region 10 SBDC (serving Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale counties) may have local business resources. Producers should verify with Delta County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Delta County is an agricultural Western Slope county with active farmers markets. The Region 10 SBDC (serving Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale counties) may have local business resources. Producers should verify with Delta County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Delta may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Delta

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Delta County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Delta County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Agricultural Western Slope county; known for orchards and vineyards. Region 10 SBDC serves this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.deltacounty.com/public-health
https://www.deltacounty.com/planning
https://www.deltacounty.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: DENVER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1233* · FIPS 08031 · Denver

Denver County

Population 710,800 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); per-product cap $10,000/year; CDPHE registration required · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Denver is a consolidated city-county. State baseline applies: free CDPHE registration, $10,000 per-product annual cap, food handler certification required. Denver Public Health may have additional guidance.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City and County of Denver has home occupation permit requirements. Contact Denver Community Planning and Development for home occupation permit (ZONING HOME OCCUPATION). Denver Revised Municipal Code Section 59-93 governs home occupations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Denver Public Health / CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Denver is a consolidated city-county. State baseline applies: free CDPHE registration, $10,000 per-product annual cap, food handler certification required. Denver Public Health may have additional guidance.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; municipal supply standard in Denver
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Denver Public Health / CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City and County of Denver has home occupation permit requirements. Contact Denver Community Planning and Development for home occupation permit (ZONING HOME OCCUPATION). Denver Revised Municipal Code Section 59-93 governs home occupations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. $10,000 per-product annual cap. Pending HB 26-1033 would expand if enacted (effective 2027).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Denver Revised Municipal Code §59-93 (home occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Denver County follows Colorado state baseline for cottage food. Denver is a consolidated city-county. The $10,000 per-product cap (not total revenue) is Colorado's distinctive feature. Denver likely has home occupation permit requirements (Denver ZONING HOME OCCUPATION permit). County seat field blank in input — Denver is the county seat. Free CDPHE registration required. Pending HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) would expand permitted foods and remove per-product cap effective 2027.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.denvergov.org/government/agencies-departments-offices/agencies-departments-offices-directory/public-health-and-environment

https://www.denvergov.org/cpd

https://www.denvergov.org

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/denver-county-discuss

COLORADO: DOLORES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3103* · FIPS 08033 · Dove Creek

Dolores County

Population 2,467 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Dolores County is a very rural southwestern county. Producers should verify with Dolores County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Dolores County is a very rural southwestern county. Producers should verify with Dolores County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county; confirm with Dolores County or Town of Dove Creek

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Dolores County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Very rural southwestern Colorado county; Dove Creek known as 'Pinto Bean Capital of the World.' Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.dolorescounty.org/public-health
https://www.dolorescounty.org/planning
https://www.dolorescounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/dolores-county-discuss

COLORADO: DOUGLAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2508* · FIPS 08035 · Castle Rock

Douglas County

Population 360,206 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Conditional (Colorado Cottage Food Act (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) allows non-refrigerated, non-PHF foods with no licensing or inspection required. Annual sales cap $10,000 per product (not total). Free CDPHE registration required. Food safety training course required (CSU Extension ~$50, or online food handler ~$10-15). Allowed: baked goods, candies, tortillas, empanadas, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower), jams/jellies/preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Prohibited: salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, meat jerkies, juices, kombucha, foods requiring refrigeration. Douglas County Health Department confirms Cottage Food Act permits sale without licensing or inspection.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction in cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Douglas County municipalities (Castle Rock, Parker, Highlands Ranch, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Operators should verify with local municipality. Douglas County itself (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation requirements. Check landlord or HOA policies if applicable.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Douglas County Health Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Colorado Cottage Food Act (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) allows non-refrigerated, non-PHF foods with no licensing or inspection required. Annual sales cap $10,000 per product (not total). Free CDPHE registration required. Food safety training course required (CSU Extension ~$50, or online food handler ~$10-15). Allowed: baked goods, candies, tortillas, empanadas, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower), jams/jellies/preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Prohibited: salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, meat jerkies, juices, kombucha, foods requiring refrigeration. Douglas County Health Department confirms Cottage Food Act permits sale without licensing or inspection.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Apartment/condo kitchens qualify as long as it is primary residence. Check landlord/HOA policies.
HANDWASHING	Food safety training course required; handwashing per food safety training standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated, non-PHF finished products only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. Douglas County Health Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Douglas County municipalities (Castle Rock, Parker, Highlands Ranch, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Operators should verify with local municipality. Douglas County itself (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation requirements. Check landlord or HOA policies if applicable.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only (Colorado cottage food law is direct-to-consumer only). Internet sales permitted. In-state delivery permitted. No wholesale or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Food Act); Douglas County Zoning/home occupation ordinances.

RESEARCH NOTES

Douglas County Health Department has a dedicated cottage foods page confirming Colorado Cottage Food Act requirements: food safety certification required, no licensing/inspection needed. Official douglasco.gov .gov source confirmed. Colorado cottage food law well-documented from state baseline. $10,000 per-product cap (not total) is distinctive — multiple products can exceed $10,000 total combined. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending — would expand to allow refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 1, 2027 if enacted. Confidence high: both state law and Douglas County Health confirmed from .gov sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.douglas.co.us

https://www.douglasco.gov/health-department/farmers-markets-and-cottage-foods/

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/douglas-county-discuss

COLORADO: EAGLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1191* · FIPS 08037 · Eagle

Eagle County

Population 55,650 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Cottage Foods Act, amended 2022) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required. Eagle County includes Vail and other resort communities.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Eagle County (unincorporated) does not have a general county business license requirement. Operations within Town of Eagle, Vail, Avon, Gypsum, Minturn, Eagle-Vail, or other municipalities may require local business licenses. Vail in particular may have strict home occupation requirements due to residential character concerns. Contact Eagle County Community Development and relevant municipality for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required. Eagle County includes Vail and other resort communities.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under required food safety course.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Eagle County (unincorporated) does not have a general county business license requirement. Operations within Town of Eagle, Vail, Avon, Gypsum, Minturn, Eagle-Vail, or other municipalities may require local business licenses. Vail in particular may have strict home occupation requirements due to residential character concerns. Contact Eagle County Community Development and relevant municipality for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; personal operation.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Eagle County Land Use Regulations; individual municipality requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

Eagle County is an affluent resort county (Vail ski area). No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state baseline. The high resort-community character may mean stricter local home occupation rules in some municipalities. CDPHE free registration required at state level. Food handler certification course (CSU Extension or online) required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/eagle-county-discuss

COLORADO: EL PASO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1236* · FIPS 08041 · Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Population 730,323 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); per-product cap $10,000/year; CDPHE registration required · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (State baseline applies. Free CDPHE registration required. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Food handler certification required (CSU Extension, online course, or local health dept). Complaint-based inspection only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City of Colorado Springs has home occupation permit requirements. Contact Colorado Springs Planning Division or Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. El Paso County Community Services applies to unincorporated areas. State cottage food law does not preempt local zoning for home occupations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (CDPHE or El Paso County Public Health may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State baseline applies. Free CDPHE registration required. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Food handler certification required (CSU Extension, online course, or local health dept). Complaint-based inspection only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification from an approved course required (CSU Extension ~$50, or online ~$10-15)
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE or El Paso County Public Health may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of Colorado Springs has home occupation permit requirements. Contact Colorado Springs Planning Division or Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. El Paso County Community Services applies to unincorporated areas. State cottage food law does not preempt local zoning for home occupations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. $10,000 per-product annual cap (no total revenue cap across all products). Whole eggs separately allowed up to 250 dozen/month.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Colorado Springs City Code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

El Paso County follows Colorado state baseline for cottage food. The $10,000 per-product (not total) cap is a distinctive Colorado feature. Colorado Springs is the dominant municipality and Colorado's second-largest city. Pending HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) would expand permitted foods and remove the per-product cap effective January 1, 2027. Free CDPHE registration required. No El Paso County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org

https://www.elpasoco.com/community-services

https://www.elpasoco.com

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

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COLORADO: ELBERT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3094* · FIPS 08039 · Kiowa

Elbert County

Population 29,382 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Elbert County has grown as an exurban county southeast of Denver/Castle Rock; county zoning rules for home-based businesses apply. Producers should verify with Elbert County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed, particularly in subdivided rural areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; rural county with many private wells
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Elbert County has grown as an exurban county southeast of Denver/Castle Rock; county zoning rules for home-based businesses apply. Producers should verify with Elbert County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed, particularly in subdivided rural areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely at county level; Town of Elizabeth may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with respective municipality

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Elbert County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Elbert County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Growing exurban/rural county southeast of Denver metro area; many residential ranchettes. HOA restrictions may be a practical concern for cottage food producers in subdivisions (state law does not override HOA rules). Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/public-health
https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/planning
https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: FREMONT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1197* · FIPS 08043 · Canon City

Fremont County

Population 49,107 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Whole eggs allowed (≤250 dozen/month). Direct-to-consumer sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Fremont County and City of Canon City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Fremont County Planning and Zoning and City of Canon City planning department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Whole eggs allowed (≤250 dozen/month). Direct-to-consumer sales only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Food safety training required (CSU Extension $50, or online food handler card ~$10-15, or local health dept course).
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Fremont County and City of Canon City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Fremont County Planning and Zoning and City of Canon City planning department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Fremont County zoning code; City of Canon City zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado's per-product $10,000 cap allows unlimited total revenue by offering multiple products. CDPHE free registration required. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) is pending as of 2026 which would expand to refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 2027. Fremont County includes Canon City and the Royal Gorge area. County_seat was blank in input; county seat is Canon City. Note: input state_cottage_food_url had a note about the statute_url being incorrect; correct statute is C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

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COLORADO: GARFIELD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1729* · FIPS 08045 · Glenwood Springs

Garfield County

Population 61,683 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed; $10,000 annual cap per product (not per total revenue). Direct sales only. Food handler certification required (e.g., CSU Extension course or ANSI-accredited online card).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed; $10,000 annual cap per product (not per total revenue). Direct sales only. Food handler certification required (e.g., CSU Extension course or ANSI-accredited online card).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Public or private water supply meeting state standards; no specific cottage food water testing requirement at state level.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required as part of food safety practices; no separate state cottage food-specific mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute; family members may assist.

Relevant county code

Garfield County Land Use and Development Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Garfield County. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) applies. Garfield County Community Development should be consulted for home occupation permit requirements. Colorado does not preempt local zoning for cottage food operations. The $10,000 cap is per product, not total revenue, allowing multiple product lines. Pending HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) would expand allowed foods and remove per-product cap as of January 1, 2027 if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb16-058

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COLORADO: GILPIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3077* · FIPS 08047 · Central City

Gilpin County

Population 5,963 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Gilpin County mountain communities (Central City, Black Hawk) are dominated by gaming industry. Most residential population is in Nederland area (Boulder County border). Producers should verify with Gilpin County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; mountain county
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Gilpin County mountain communities (Central City, Black Hawk) are dominated by gaming industry. Most residential population is in Nederland area (Boulder County border). Producers should verify with Gilpin County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Gilpin County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Gilpin County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Small mountain county west of Denver; dominated by casino gaming in Central City and Black Hawk. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gilpincounty.org/public-health
https://www.gilpincounty.org/planning
https://www.gilpincounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: GRAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3080* · FIPS 08049 · Hot Sulphur Springs

Grand County

Population 16,154 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Grand County is a mountain resort county (Winter Park, Granby, Kremmling). Resort communities may have specific home occupation zoning provisions. Producers should verify with Grand County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; mountain resort county
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Grand County is a mountain resort county (Winter Park, Granby, Kremmling). Resort communities may have specific home occupation zoning provisions. Producers should verify with Grand County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; Town of Winter Park, Town of Granby may require town business licenses for operations within town limits; confirm with respective municipality

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Grand County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Grand County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Mountain resort county featuring Winter Park Ski Resort, Lake Granby. Tourist economy provides good farmers market and direct sales opportunities. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.co.grand.co.us/public-health
https://www.co.grand.co.us/planning
https://www.co.grand.co.us
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: GUNNISON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3060* · FIPS 08051 · Gunnison

Gunnison County

Population 17,310 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
True (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit but Gunnison County Land Use Resolution (Section 9-102) specifically governs Home Occupations. One home occupation is allowed without a Land Use Change Permit; more than one home occupation in the same residence requires an Administrative Review Project (Land Use Change Permit). Home occupations must comply with aggregate standards on employee numbers and activity levels per Section 9-102. Producers should contact the Community Development Department (planning@gunnisoncounty.org, 970-641-0360) to confirm compliance.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	True — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit but Gunnison County Land Use Resolution (Section 9-102) specifically governs Home Occupations. One home occupation is allowed without a Land Use Change Permit; more than one home occupation in the same residence requires an Administrative Review Project (Land Use Change Permit). Home occupations must comply with aggregate standards on employee numbers and activity levels per Section 9-102. Producers should contact the Community Development Department (planning@gunnisoncounty.org, 970-641-0360) to confirm compliance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte may require local business licenses for operations within their limits

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Restricted under Gunnison County Land Use Resolution home occupation standards; limited signage typically allowed
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores; home occupation rules may restrict customer visits
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation standards restrict non-resident employees; aggregate activity levels must not exceed home occupation standards per Section 9-102

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Gunnison County Land Use Resolution Section 9-102 (Home Occupations); Section 5-102 (Administrative Review Projects)

RESEARCH NOTES

Gunnison County Land Use Resolution confirmed with Section 9-102 Home Occupations provisions. One home occupation allowed without Land Use Change Permit; more than one requires Administrative Review. Community Development contact confirmed: planning@gunnisoncounty.org, 970-641-0360. Resort county with Crested Butte ski area. Region 10 SBDC serves this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/228/Public-Health

https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/156/Community-Development

https://www.gunnisoncounty.org

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

http://gunnisoncounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/3157/Gunnison-County-Land-Use-Resolution--Amended-September-8-2022

https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/371/Administrative-Review-Projects

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COLORADO: HINSDALE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3105* · FIPS 08053 · Lake City

Hinsdale County

Population 747 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Hinsdale County is one of the least populous counties in the US (population under 1,000). Minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Hinsdale County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; remote mountain county
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Hinsdale County is one of the least populous counties in the US (population under 1,000). Minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Hinsdale County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; extremely rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Hinsdale County

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Hinsdale County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. One of the least populated counties in the US; Lake City is a small mountain community near Blue Mesa Reservoir. Region 10 SBDC serves this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.hinsdalecountyco.gov/public-health
https://www.hinsdalecountyco.gov/planning
https://www.hinsdalecountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: HUERFANO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3106* · FIPS 08055 · Walsenburg

Huerfano County

Population 6,988 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Huerfano County is a rural southern Colorado county along I-25. Producers should verify with Huerfano County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Huerfano County is a rural southern Colorado county along I-25. Producers should verify with Huerfano County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Walsenburg may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Walsenburg

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Huerfano County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural southern Colorado county along I-25; Walsenburg gateway to Cucharas area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.huerfanocounty.org/public-health
https://www.huerfanocounty.org/planning
https://www.huerfanocounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3085* · FIPS 08057 · Walden

Jackson County

Population 1,273 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Jackson County is extremely rural with minimal regulatory infrastructure (North Park basin). Producers should verify with Jackson County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; high-altitude North Park basin
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Jackson County is extremely rural with minimal regulatory infrastructure (North Park basin). Producers should verify with Jackson County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county; confirm with Jackson County or Town of Walden

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Jackson County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Very remote, sparsely populated North Park basin county; Walden is one of the highest county seats in Colorado. Population under 2,000. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.jacksoncountyco.gov/public-health
https://www.jacksoncountyco.gov/planning
https://www.jacksoncountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2181* · FIPS 08059 · Golden

Jefferson County

Population 580,519 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. $10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Direct sales to informed end consumers within Colorado only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Jefferson County Zoning Resolution Section 21 (Home Occupations, amended to 2018): A Miscellaneous Permit must be obtained from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Conditions: conducted entirely within residential lot by inhabitants; up to 1 additional non-resident employee allowed; must be secondary to residential use; total area not to exceed 25% or 800 sq ft; no exterior storage; no offensive emissions; no exterior structure changes; incidental signage per Sign Section; up to 2 additional vehicles at one time. Exclusions: restaurants, body/mechanical repair, kennels, medical/dental facilities, tattoo shops, retail sales other than ancillary. Mail-order business allowed via Administrative Exception. Cottage food sales from home likely qualify as permitted home occupation with miscellaneous permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (County home occupation: possible site inspection before miscellaneous permit issued. State: complaint-based only.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. $10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Direct sales to informed end consumers within Colorado only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food safety training requirement
FOOD STORAGE	No outdoor storage per Jefferson County home occupation rules; storage within home/garage (up to 25% of garage)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — County home occupation: possible site inspection before miscellaneous permit issued. State: complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Jefferson County Zoning Resolution Section 21 (Home Occupations, amended to 2018): A Miscellaneous Permit must be obtained from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Conditions: conducted entirely within residential lot by inhabitants; up to 1 additional non-resident employee allowed; must be secondary to residential use; total area not to exceed 25% or 800 sq ft; no exterior storage; no offensive emissions; no exterior structure changes; incidental signage per Sign Section; up to 2 additional vehicles at one time. Exclusions: restaurants, body/mechanical repair, kennels, medical/dental facilities, tattoo shops, retail sales other than ancillary. Mail-order business allowed via Administrative Exception. Cottage food sales from home likely qualify as permitted home occupation with miscellaneous permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Incidental pickup of goods permitted. Online and mail-order sales allowed. $10,000 per-product annual cap within Colorado. No retail/restaurant sales. Jefferson County home occupation rules limit traffic/customer congestion.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Jefferson County Zoning Section 21: up to 1 additional non-resident employee permitted beyond household residents

Relevant county code

Jefferson County Zoning Resolution Section 21 (Home Occupations). State: C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County Zoning Resolution Section 21 PDF retrieved directly from jeffco.us (official county website). Confirms Miscellaneous Permit required for home occupations; specifies 25%/800 sq ft area limit; 1 non-resident employee allowed; no exterior storage; no restaurant exclusion applies to cottage food (which is food production, not restaurant service). Colorado state cottage food law applies statewide; no local preemption. Incorporated cities within Jefferson County (Arvada, Lakewood, Golden, etc.) have their own codes. Confidence high for unincorporated Jefferson County; city-level rules may vary.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.jeffco.us

https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/2489/Section-21-Home-Occupations-PDF

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

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COLORADO: KIOWA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3086* · FIPS 08061 · Eads

Kiowa County

Population 1,392 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Kiowa County is a very rural southeastern plains county. Producers should verify with Kiowa County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Kiowa County is a very rural southeastern plains county. Producers should verify with Kiowa County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Kiowa County or Town of Eads

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Kiowa County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Sparsely populated southeastern Colorado high plains county. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kiowacountyco.com/public-health
https://www.kiowacountyco.com/planning
https://www.kiowacountyco.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: KIT CARSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3088* · FIPS 08063 · Burlington

Kit Carson County

Population 7,080 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Kit Carson County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Kit Carson County whether any home occupation permit is required. East Colorado Small Business Development Center may have local resources.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Kit Carson County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Kit Carson County whether any home occupation permit is required. East Colorado Small Business Development Center may have local resources.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Burlington may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Burlington

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Kit Carson County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural eastern Colorado plains county bordering Kansas. East Colorado SBDC serves this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kitcarsoncounty.org/public-health
https://www.kitcarsoncounty.org/planning
https://www.kitcarsoncounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: LA PLATA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1264* · FIPS 08067 · Durango

La Plata County

Population 55,983 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Cottage Foods Act, amended 2022) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total). Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required (e.g., CSU Extension $50, 3.5hr, or online ~$10-15).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific CO state or La Plata County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (La Plata County (unincorporated areas) does not require a general business license for cottage food operations per county licensing page. However, businesses operating in Durango city limits must obtain a Durango business license (processing fee $30 one-time plus annual fee based on employees). Bayfield and Ignacio have similar requirements. La Plata County Planning Dept. may require land use permit review for home-based businesses under county land use code (chapters 62-90). Phone: La Plata County Planning 970-382-6263.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. $10,000 annual cap per product (not total). Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required (e.g., CSU Extension $50, 3.5hr, or online ~$10-15).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific CO state or La Plata County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Covered under required food safety course.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods, whole eggs (under 250 dozen/month).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — La Plata County (unincorporated areas) does not require a general business license for cottage food operations per county licensing page. However, businesses operating in Durango city limits must obtain a Durango business license (processing fee $30 one-time plus annual fee based on employees). Bayfield and Ignacio have similar requirements. La Plata County Planning Dept. may require land use permit review for home-based businesses under county land use code (chapters 62-90). Phone: La Plata County Planning 970-382-6263.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, bake sales, farmers markets, neighbors, events. No sales to retail stores or restaurants. Commercial kitchens available at La Plata County Fairgrounds and Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango if scaling up.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in CO statute; cottage food operations are personal operations.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; La Plata County Land Use Code Chapters 62-90; Durango business license requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

La Plata County includes Durango, a recreation-focused mountain town. Durango city limits requires a local business license ($30 one-time + annual fee based on employees). Unincorporated La Plata County does not require a general business license but may require land use review. CSU Extension in La Plata County offers the required food safety certification course. The Durango Herald article (2017) confirmed Durango license requirements; these are likely still current. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act, 2026) pending and would expand CO cottage foods significantly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lpcgov.org/departments/administration/licensing.php
https://www.lpcgov.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods
https://www.lpcgov.org/departments/administration/licensing.php
https://www.durangoherald.com/articles/what-does-it-take-to-turn-your-cooking-into-a-cottage-food/

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COLORADO: LAKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3061* · FIPS 08065 · Leadville

Lake County

Population 7,369 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lake County encompasses the City of Leadville (only incorporated municipality). Leadville may have city zoning provisions on home-based businesses. Producers should verify with Lake County or City of Leadville whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; highest county seat in the US (Leadville at 10,152 ft)
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lake County encompasses the City of Leadville (only incorporated municipality). Leadville may have city zoning provisions on home-based businesses. Producers should verify with Lake County or City of Leadville whether a home occupation permit is needed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Leadville may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Leadville

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Lake County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Lake County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. High-altitude county; Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the US at 10,152 ft. Historic mining and skiing area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lakecountyco.com/public-health
https://www.lakecountyco.com/planning
https://www.lakecountyco.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: LARIMER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1677* · FIPS 08069 · Fort Collins

Larimer County

Population 359,363 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Colorado state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) requires production in the home kitchen. Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course (e.g., CSU Extension $50/3.5hr or equivalent) required before selling. Larimer County unincorporated areas follow county Land Use Code home occupation rules. Fort Collins (the county seat and largest city) is an incorporated municipality with its own separate home occupation requirements that differ from county rules — residents in Fort Collins must follow city rules, not county rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state or county-specific cottage food pet restriction found; CDPHE general guidance applies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (LARIMER COUNTY (unincorporated): Home occupations require a Registration Certificate submitted to Larimer County Planning (planning@larimer.org or 200 W Oak Street, Fort Collins, 3rd Floor). Two tiers: (1) Limited Home Occupation — up to 50% of home interior (max 800 sq ft including basement/attached garage), max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Registration Certificate only; (2) Large Home Occupation — 800-1,200 sq ft interior, up to 800 sq ft outdoor storage, max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Administrative Special Review plus Registration Certificate. Operator must occupy the residence as primary dwelling. Max 1 non-resident employee at the site. On-site sales events allowed up to 30 per calendar year for products made on-site. FORT COLLINS (city, separate rules): Home Occupation License required ($25 fee, valid 2 years); submit to zoning@fcgov.com or Development Review Center, 281 North College Avenue. Max 50% of home for business; max 1 non-resident employee; no retail sales except incidental to services; no exterior storage beyond principal residence; limited signage (max 2-4 sq ft). Contact: 970-498-7860 (Larimer County Clerk), Fort Collins Zoning at fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (Colorado state law allows CDPHE inspection upon complaint. No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Colorado state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) requires production in the home kitchen. Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course (e.g., CSU Extension $50/3.5hr or equivalent) required before selling. Larimer County unincorporated areas follow county Land Use Code home occupation rules. Fort Collins (the county seat and largest city) is an incorporated municipality with its own separate home occupation requirements that differ from county rules — residents in Fort Collins must follow city rules, not county rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state or county-specific cottage food pet restriction found; CDPHE general guidance applies.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state cottage food standards; no additional county overlay found.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state cottage food standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored properly to prevent contamination per state guidance; no county-specific overlay beyond state standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Colorado state law allows CDPHE inspection upon complaint. No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — LARIMER COUNTY (unincorporated): Home occupations require a Registration Certificate submitted to Larimer County Planning (planning@larimer.org or 200 W Oak Street, Fort Collins, 3rd Floor). Two tiers: (1) Limited Home Occupation — up to 50% of home interior (max 800 sq ft including basement/attached garage), max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Registration Certificate only; (2) Large Home Occupation — 800-1,200 sq ft interior, up to 800 sq ft outdoor storage, max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Administrative Special Review plus Registration Certificate. Operator must occupy the residence as primary dwelling. Max 1 non-resident employee at the site. On-site sales events allowed up to 30 per calendar year for products made on-site. FORT COLLINS (city, separate rules): Home Occupation License required ($25 fee, valid 2 years); submit to zoning@fcgov.com or Development Review Center, 281 North College Avenue. Max 50% of home for business; max 1 non-resident employee; no retail sales except incidental to services; no exterior storage beyond principal residence; limited signage (max 2-4 sq ft). Contact: 970-498-7860 (Larimer County Clerk), Fort Collins Zoning at fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Colorado cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale, no retail stores). Products may be sold at farmers markets, roadside stands, online (with in-person/mail delivery). Home sales and customer pickup from residence are permitted under state law. Larimer County limits on-site retail sales events to 30 per calendar year for home-produced goods. Fort Collins prohibits off-site retail storage; on-site sales must be incidental to services provided.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Larimer County unincorporated: 1 non-resident employee at the site (plus any number of resident occupants). Fort Collins: 1 non-resident employee or co-worker at the site.

Relevant county code

Larimer County Land Use Code §3.4.7.B (Home Occupations); Fort Collins Land Use Code Article 4, Section 4.3.1(G); C.R.S. §25-4-1614

RESEARCH NOTES

Larimer County (pop. ~359K, county seat Fort Collins) has well-documented home occupation rules. The county's official website (larimer.gov/planning/accessory-home-occupations) provides detailed, current information on the two-tier home occupation classification system. The official Larimer County home occupation handout (updated March 11, 2022) and the county planning department's FAQ page confirm the Registration Certificate process, space limits, vehicle trip limits, and the 30-events-per-year on-site sales rule. Fort Collins is a separate incorporated city (pop. ~168K) with its own Home Occupation License ($25, 2-year validity) administered through the City Zoning Division — CityRuleLookup (verified 9 months ago) and the official fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness page both confirm these rules. Key distinction: Fort Collins explicitly prohibits 'no retail sales from the site other than incidental sales related to services provided' which may limit direct cottage food sales from the Fort Collins home address; producers in Fort Collins likely need to sell at farmers markets rather than from home. Colorado state cottage food law requires CDPHE registration and food handler certification. The $10,000 per-product annual cap (not total revenue) applies statewide under current law; HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending as of 2026 would expand allowances if enacted. Note: 'value-added agriculture' is expressly prohibited as a home occupation in Larimer County — producers should verify their specific products qualify under standard cottage food (not value-added ag) classification.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.larimer.gov
https://www.larimer.gov/planning/accessory-home-occupations
https://fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods
https://www.larimer.org/sites/default/files/uploads/2022/home_occupations_handout.pdf
https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/larimer-county-co

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COLORADO: LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3076* · FIPS 08071 · Trinidad

Las Animas County

Population 14,518 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Las Animas County is a large rural southern Colorado county along I-25. Producers should verify with Las Animas County whether any home occupation permit is required. Southern Colorado SBDC and Trinidad State College may have local business resources.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Las Animas County is a large rural southern Colorado county along I-25. Producers should verify with Las Animas County whether any home occupation permit is required. Southern Colorado SBDC and Trinidad State College may have local business resources.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Trinidad may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Trinidad

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Las Animas County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Las Animas County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Large rural southern Colorado county; Trinidad is known as 'gateway to the Rockies' on I-25, and also known for cannabis industry. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: LINCOLN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3089* · FIPS 08073 · Hugo

Lincoln County

Population 5,598 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lincoln County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Lincoln County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lincoln County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Lincoln County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Lincoln County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural eastern Colorado plains county. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.lincolncountyco.us/public-health
https://www.lincolncountyco.us/planning
https://www.lincolncountyco.us
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: LOGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3087* · FIPS 08075 · Sterling

Logan County

Population 20,755 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Logan County is a northeastern plains county with Sterling as the regional hub (Northeastern Colorado). Producers should verify with Logan County or City of Sterling whether a home occupation permit or city business license is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Logan County is a northeastern plains county with Sterling as the regional hub (Northeastern Colorado). Producers should verify with Logan County or City of Sterling whether a home occupation permit or city business license is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Sterling may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Sterling

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Logan County Land Use Regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

No Logan County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Northeastern Colorado agricultural plains county; Sterling is a regional hub on I-76 (Overland Trail). Active agricultural community with potential farmers market sales venues. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.logancountyco.gov/public-health
https://www.logancountyco.gov/planning
https://www.logancountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: MESA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2791* · FIPS 08077 · Grand Junction

Mesa County

Population 156,131 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Conditional (Colorado requires free CDPHE registration. Food safety training required (various options: CSU Extension $50, online food handler card ~$10-15). Allowed non-refrigerated non-PHF foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods, whole eggs (250-dozen/month limit). Annual cap is $10,000 per product (not total revenue). Direct sales only (no indirect sales).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Mesa County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Grand Junction has its own zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint or as part of registration process.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Colorado requires free CDPHE registration. Food safety training required (various options: CSU Extension $50, online food handler card ~$10-15). Allowed non-refrigerated non-PHF foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods, whole eggs (250-dozen/month limit). Annual cap is $10,000 per product (not total revenue). Direct sales only (no indirect sales).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Colorado cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Food safety training covers handwashing requirements.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint or as part of registration process.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Mesa County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Grand Junction has its own zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only: from home, at farmers markets, fairs, events, and via internet/mail order within Colorado only. No wholesale or indirect sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Mesa County Zoning Regulations; C.R.S. §25-4-1614

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Colorado per-product $10,000 cap is unusual — multiple products can be sold. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act, 2026) pending to expand rules starting January 2027. No Mesa County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/mesa-county-discuss

COLORADO: MINERAL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3083* · FIPS 08079 · Creede

Mineral County

Population 933 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Mineral County is one of the least populous counties in the US (population under 1,000). Creede is a small arts-destination mining town. Minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Mineral County whether any home occupation permit is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; remote mountain county
HANDWASHING	Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Mineral County is one of the least populous counties in the US (population under 1,000). Creede is a small arts-destination mining town. Minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Mineral County whether any home occupation permit is required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; extremely rural county; confirm with Mineral County or Town of Creede

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Mineral County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. One of the least populated counties in the US; Creede is a small mountain arts community and former silver mining town on the Rio Grande. San Luis Valley SBDC may serve this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. $10,000 annual cap per product type.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.mineralcountyco.gov/public-health
https://www.mineralcountyco.gov/planning
https://www.mineralcountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: MOFFAT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3081* · FIPS 08081 · —

Moffat County

Population 13,142 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Moffat County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Unincorporated Moffat County parcels may require a home occupation review; city of Craig has separate rules. Confirm with Moffat County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Moffat County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Unincorporated Moffat County parcels may require a home occupation review; city of Craig has separate rules. Confirm with Moffat County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Moffat County Clerk and Craig city clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Moffat County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap. Home occupation permit status with county unclear; recommend contacting Moffat County Planning at (970) 824-9030.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.moffatcounty.net/175/Public-Health
https://www.moffatcounty.net/139/Planning-Zoning
https://www.moffatcounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/moffat-county-discuss

COLORADO: MONTEZUMA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3079* · FIPS 08083 · —

Montezuma County

Population 26,841 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Montezuma County Planning (No county-specific home occupation ordinance text located. Montezuma County Land Use Code likely addresses home occupations for unincorporated areas; City of Cortez has separate zoning. Verify with Montezuma County Community Development.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Montezuma County Planning — No county-specific home occupation ordinance text located. Montezuma County Land Use Code likely addresses home occupations for unincorporated areas; City of Cortez has separate zoning. Verify with Montezuma County Community Development.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Montezuma County and City of Cortez

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Montezuma County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.montezumacounty.org/175/Public-Health
https://www.montezumacounty.org/130/Community-Development
https://www.montezumacounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/montezuma-county-discuss

COLORADO: MONTROSE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3078* · FIPS 08085 · —

Montrose County

Population 44,806 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Montrose County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located for unincorporated Montrose County. City of Montrose has separate rules. Confirm with Montrose County Planning & Development.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Montrose County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located for unincorporated Montrose County. City of Montrose has separate rules. Confirm with Montrose County Planning & Development.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Montrose County and City of Montrose

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Montrose County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.montrosecounty.net/120/Public-Health
https://www.montrosecounty.net/170/Planning-Zoning
https://www.montrosecounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

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COLORADO: MORGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3062* · FIPS 08087 · —

Morgan County

Population 30,300 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Morgan County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Fort Morgan has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Morgan County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Morgan County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Fort Morgan has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Morgan County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Morgan County and City of Fort Morgan

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Morgan County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.morgancounty.net/280/Public-Health
https://www.morgancounty.net/176/Planning-Zoning
https://www.morgancounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/morgan-county-discuss

COLORADO: OTERO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3072* · FIPS 08089 · —

Otero County

Population 17,991 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Otero County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. City of La Junta has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Otero County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Otero County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. City of La Junta has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Otero County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Otero County and City of La Junta

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Otero County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.oterocounty.org/departments/public-health
https://www.oterocounty.org/departments/planning
https://www.oterocounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/otero-county-discuss

COLORADO: OURAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3071* · FIPS 08091 · —

Ouray County

Population 5,197 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Ouray County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located for unincorporated Ouray County. Very small county (pop. ~5,000). City of Ouray has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Ouray County Land Use.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Ouray County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located for unincorporated Ouray County. Very small county (pop. ~5,000). City of Ouray has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Ouray County Land Use.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Ouray County and Town of Ouray

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Ouray County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Small, rural county. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.ouraycountyco.gov/212/Public-Health
https://www.ouraycountyco.gov/134/Land-Use
https://www.ouraycountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/ouray-county-discuss

COLORADO: PARK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3067* · FIPS 08093 · —

Park County

Population 18,316 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Park County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Park County is largely unincorporated; Fairplay is a small town. Confirm with Park County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Park County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Park County is largely unincorporated; Fairplay is a small town. Confirm with Park County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Park County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Park County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.parkco.us/193/Public-Health
https://www.parkco.us/157/Planning-Zoning
https://www.parkco.us
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/park-county-discuss

COLORADO: PHILLIPS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3066* · FIPS 08095 · —

Phillips County

Population 4,488 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Phillips County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small rural county (pop. ~4,400). Holyoke is the county seat. Confirm with Phillips County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Phillips County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small rural county (pop. ~4,400). Holyoke is the county seat. Confirm with Phillips County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Phillips County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Phillips County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural northeastern Colorado county. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.phillipscounty.org/public-health
https://www.phillipscounty.org/planning
https://www.phillipscounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/phillips-county-discuss

COLORADO: PITKIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3116* · FIPS 08097 · —

Pitkin County

Population 16,643 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development (Pitkin County has published general cottage food guidance confirming state law applies and that operators should check with city/county for local requirements. Pitkin County Land Use Code addresses home occupations; City of Aspen has strict residential-character zoning and separate rules. County recommends verifying HOA and local zoning authorization before operating. Pitkin County Community Development is the point of contact.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development — Pitkin County has published general cottage food guidance confirming state law applies and that operators should check with city/county for local requirements. Pitkin County Land Use Code addresses home occupations; City of Aspen has strict residential-character zoning and separate rules. County recommends verifying HOA and local zoning authorization before operating. Pitkin County Community Development is the point of contact.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Pitkin County and City of Aspen

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

Relevant county code

Pitkin County Land Use Code; see pitkincounty.com/196/Land-Use

RESEARCH NOTES

Pitkin County has explicitly published a FAQ on Colorado Cottage Foods Act confirming state law controls and that local zoning and HOA rules may additionally apply. County FAQ confirms no state permit needed but local check recommended. High-value resort area (Aspen); zoning is stringent. City of Aspen operates separately from unincorporated Pitkin County.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.pitkincounty.com/226/Public-Health-Environment
https://pitkincounty.com/196/Land-Use
https://www.pitkincounty.com
https://pitkincounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/560
https://pitkincounty.com/671/Licenses-Permits-Requirements
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/pitkin-county-discuss

COLORADO: PROWERS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3112* · FIPS 08099 · —

Prowers County

Population 11,957 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Prowers County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Lamar has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Prowers County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Prowers County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Lamar has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Prowers County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Prowers County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Prowers County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.prowerscounty.net/public-health
https://www.prowerscounty.net/planning-zoning
https://www.prowerscounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/prowers-county-discuss

COLORADO: PUEBLO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1628* · FIPS 08101 · Pueblo

Pueblo County

Population 168,135 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap $10,000 per product (not total revenue — producers can sell unlimited total with multiple products). Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Allowed foods include baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods, whole eggs (≤250 dozen/month).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Pueblo County has detailed home occupation zoning rules (Chapter 17.120.030). Home occupation disclosure form required from Pueblo County Dept. of Planning and Development. Standards: secondary to residential use, activities within dwelling/accessory building, max 1 non-resident employee, client visits allowed but must not generate excess traffic, on-site display/sale of goods generally prohibited unless typical of home occupation. Pueblo city has separate home-based business rules with stricter conditions (no customers, no on-site sales of materials, household members only). Pueblo County Public Health has a Food Safety & Licensing page listing cottage foods.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap $10,000 per product (not total revenue — producers can sell unlimited total with multiple products). Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Allowed foods include baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods, whole eggs (≤250 dozen/month).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Pueblo County has detailed home occupation zoning rules (Chapter 17.120.030). Home occupation disclosure form required from Pueblo County Dept. of Planning and Development. Standards: secondary to residential use, activities within dwelling/accessory building, max 1 non-resident employee, client visits allowed but must not generate excess traffic, on-site display/sale of goods generally prohibited unless typical of home occupation. Pueblo city has separate home-based business rules with stricter conditions (no customers, no on-site sales of materials, household members only). Pueblo County Public Health has a Food Safety & Licensing page listing cottage foods.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (limited per zoning), farmers markets, and online within Colorado.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee maximum under county Chapter 17.120.030.

Relevant county code

Pueblo County Zoning Code Chapter 17.120.030 (Home Occupations); C.R.S. §25-4-1614

RESEARCH NOTES

Pueblo County official website (county.pueblo.org) directly provides home occupation regulations (Chapter 17.120.030) and public health food safety/licensing page listing cottage foods. County government URL confirmed. Pueblo city has separate and stricter home-based business rules — no customer traffic, no on-site sales of materials. Colorado's $10,000 per-product cap is unique; producers can sell multiple products to reach higher total revenue. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act, 2026) pending would expand to allow refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 1, 2027.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://county.pueblo.org

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://county.pueblo.org/planning-and-development-department/chapter-17120-supplementary-regulations

https://county.pueblo.org/public-health-department/food-safety-licensing

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/pueblo-county-discuss

COLORADO: RIO BLANCO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3095* · FIPS 08103 · —

Rio Blanco County

Population 6,607 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Rio Blanco County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Meeker has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Rio Blanco County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Rio Blanco County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Meeker has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Rio Blanco County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Rio Blanco County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rio Blanco County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.rioblancosoa.com/public-health
https://www.rioblancosoa.com/planning
https://www.rioblancosoa.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/rio-blanco-county-discuss

COLORADO: RIO GRANDE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3113* · FIPS 08105 · —

Rio Grande County

Population 11,132 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Rio Grande County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Del Norte is county seat. Confirm with Rio Grande County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Rio Grande County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Del Norte is county seat. Confirm with Rio Grande County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Rio Grande County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Rio Grande County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.riograndecounty.org/public-health
https://www.riograndecounty.org/planning
https://www.riograndecounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/rio-grande-county-discuss

COLORADO: ROUTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3097* · FIPS 08107 · —

Routt County

Population 25,243 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (for unincorporated county); verify for Steamboat Springs separately (Routt County Unified Development Code (effective July 29, 2025) classifies Home Occupation as 'R' (right-by-review) in all residential and rural zone districts. Home Industry requires Special Use Permit ('S') in some districts. Cottage foods would fall under Home Occupation category. City of Steamboat Springs has separate, stricter resort-town zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes (for unincorporated county); verify for Steamboat Springs separately — Routt County Unified Development Code (effective July 29, 2025) classifies Home Occupation as 'R' (right-by-review) in all residential and rural zone districts. Home Industry requires Special Use Permit ('S') in some districts. Cottage foods would fall under Home Occupation category. City of Steamboat Springs has separate, stricter resort-town zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Routt County and City of Steamboat Springs as applicable

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

Relevant county code

Routt County Unified Development Code, Chapter 2, Land Use Table (2024); see co-routtcounty2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7346

RESEARCH NOTES

Routt County UDC (adopted June 11, 2024, effective July 29, 2025) classifies Home Occupation as 'R' (review-based permit) across all residential/rural districts. This means a home occupation review/permit is required county-wide for unincorporated areas. Cottage foods are specifically allowed under state law but local zoning permit still required. City of Steamboat Springs operates separately with resort-area zoning considerations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.co.routt.co.us/147/Public-Health
https://www.co.routt.co.us/153/Planning
https://www.co.routt.co.us
https://co-routtcounty2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7346/Uses-By-Zone-District-Table
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/routt-county-discuss

COLORADO: SAGUACHE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3098* · FIPS 08109 · —

Saguache County

Population 6,670 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Saguache County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small, rural county in San Luis Valley. Confirm with Saguache County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Saguache County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small, rural county in San Luis Valley. Confirm with Saguache County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Saguache County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Saguache County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very sparse, rural county. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.saguachecounty.net/public-health
https://www.saguachecounty.net/planning
https://www.saguachecounty.net
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/saguache-county-discuss

COLORADO: SAN JUAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3099* · FIPS 08111 · —

San Juan County

Population 821 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with San Juan County (No county-specific home occupation code located. San Juan County is the least populous county in Colorado (~700 residents). Town of Silverton is the only incorporated place. Confirm with San Juan County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with San Juan County — No county-specific home occupation code located. San Juan County is the least populous county in Colorado (~700 residents). Town of Silverton is the only incorporated place. Confirm with San Juan County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with San Juan County Clerk or Town of Silverton

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No San Juan County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Least populous county in Colorado (~700 residents, seat: Silverton). State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sanjuancountycolorado.us/public-health
https://www.sanjuancountycolorado.us/planning
https://www.sanjuancountycolorado.us
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

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COLORADO: SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3100* · FIPS 08113 · —

San Miguel County

Population 7,819 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (Town of Telluride requires use-permitted-on-review for home occupations; unincorporated county verify separately) (Town of Telluride Land Use Code §6-106: Home Occupation is a 'use permitted on review' requiring P&Z approval. Applicant must obtain a Telluride town business license. Occupation limited to 25% of floor area or 500 sq ft (whichever is less). On-site sales allowed only for goods produced on-site (cottage food qualifies). No retail. Max 2 operators (residents). No exterior signs except as allowed. Unincorporated San Miguel County may have different rules; verify with county planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes (Town of Telluride requires use-permitted-on-review for home occupations; unincorporated county verify separately) — Town of Telluride Land Use Code §6-106: Home Occupation is a 'use permitted on review' requiring P&Z approval. Applicant must obtain a Telluride town business license. Occupation limited to 25% of floor area or 500 sq ft (whichever is less). On-site sales allowed only for goods produced on-site (cottage food qualifies). No retail. Max 2 operators (residents). No exterior signs except as allowed. Unincorporated San Miguel County may have different rules; verify with county planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes (Town of Telluride); verify for unincorporated county

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Restricted in Town of Telluride; no exterior signs under home occupation; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence (goods produced on-site), farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Max 2 residents (Town of Telluride rule); 1 off-site employee may be allowed with P&Z approval

Relevant county code

Telluride Land Use Code §6-104, §6-106 (Home Occupations As Uses Permitted On Review)

RESEARCH NOTES

Town of Telluride LUC §6-106 requires Planning & Zoning review/approval for home occupations. On-site sales of goods produced on-site (cottage food) are explicitly allowed under §6-106.C. Business license required from Town of Telluride. Unincorporated San Miguel County rules not separately retrieved; recommend verifying with county planning. High-value resort county — zoning strictly enforced.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/253/Public-Health
https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/187/Planning
https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov
https://telluride.municipal.codes/LUC/6-106
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

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COLORADO: SEDGWICK COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3101* · FIPS 08115 · —

Sedgwick County

Population 2,257 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Sedgwick County (No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small county (pop. ~2,400) in northeastern Colorado. Town of Julesburg is county seat. Confirm with Sedgwick County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Sedgwick County — No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small county (pop. ~2,400) in northeastern Colorado. Town of Julesburg is county seat. Confirm with Sedgwick County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Sedgwick County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sedgwick County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural northeastern CO county (~2,400 pop.). State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/public-health
https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/planning
https://www.sedgwickcounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

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COLORADO: SUMMIT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3058* · FIPS 08117 · —

Summit County

Population 30,882 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Yes (unincorporated Summit County); separate rules for Breckenridge and other towns (Summit County Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 3 Zoning) governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. Town of Breckenridge Policy 38 (Absolute) §9-1-19-38A allows home occupations in residential districts: max 25% of main floor or 500 sq ft in garage/accessory structure, max 2 family members, no external window displays, valid town business license required. Cottage foods sold on-site (produced on-site) would qualify. Customer vehicles limited to 2 at a time in Breckenridge.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes (unincorporated Summit County); separate rules for Breckenridge and other towns — Summit County Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 3 Zoning) governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. Town of Breckenridge Policy 38 (Absolute) §9-1-19-38A allows home occupations in residential districts: max 25% of main floor or 500 sq ft in garage/accessory structure, max 2 family members, no external window displays, valid town business license required. Cottage foods sold on-site (produced on-site) would qualify. Customer vehicles limited to 2 at a time in Breckenridge.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes (Town of Breckenridge requires business license); unincorporated county verify separately

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No window display or outside samples allowed (Breckenridge); state disclaimer placard required
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only); max 2 customer vehicles at a time (Breckenridge)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Max 2 immediate family members residing in dwelling (Breckenridge rule); state law: sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners

Relevant county code

Summit County Land Use and Development Code Ch. 3; Town of Breckenridge Land Use Code §9-1-19-38A

RESEARCH NOTES

Town of Breckenridge home occupation code (§9-1-19-38A, amended 2019) retrieved directly: max 25% floor area or 500 sq ft, 2 family members, business license required, no signs/window display, max 2 customer vehicles. Summit County unincorporated areas governed by LUDC Ch.3 (contact planning at 970-668-4200). Other towns in Summit County (Dillon, Silverthorne, Frisco, Keystone) have separate municipal codes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/public_health

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning

https://www.summitcountyco.gov

https://breckenridge.town.codes/Code/9-1-19-38A

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning/development_regulations/land_use_development_code.php

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods

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COLORADO: TELLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3093* · FIPS 08119 · —

Teller County

Population 24,862 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Teller County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Teller County includes Cripple Creek (gaming district) and Woodland Park. Confirm with Teller County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Teller County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Teller County includes Cripple Creek (gaming district) and Woodland Park. Confirm with Teller County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Teller County Clerk or relevant municipality

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Teller County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.tellercountyco.com/departments/public-health
https://www.tellercountyco.com/departments/planning
https://www.tellercountyco.com
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

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COLORADO: WASHINGTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3102* · FIPS 08121 · —

Washington County

Population 4,771 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Washington County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small, rural northeastern Colorado county (pop. ~5,000). Town of Akron is county seat. Confirm with Washington County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Washington County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small, rural northeastern Colorado county (pop. ~5,000). Town of Akron is county seat. Confirm with Washington County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Washington County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural county. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov/public-health
https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov/planning
https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/washington-county-discuss

COLORADO: WELD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1935* · FIPS 08123 · Greeley

Weld County

Population 331,466 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; food safety course required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct sales only; no license or inspection required · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no retail/wholesale); labeling and disclaimer placard required; HOA and local zoning must allow home-based business)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (CDPHE complaint-based investigation)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; $10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no retail/wholesale); labeling and disclaimer placard required; HOA and local zoning must allow home-based business
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE complaint-based investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Single proprietor or LLC with 2 or fewer owners; designated representative allowed

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado has a per-product $10,000 cap which is low compared to most states. No Weld County-specific overlay found. Weld County is large agricultural county with unincorporated areas and cities including Greeley.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.weldgov.com

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods

https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf

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COLORADO: YUMA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #3104* · FIPS 08125 · —

Yuma County

Population 10,048 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
False

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Likely; verify with Yuma County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Rural northeastern Colorado county. Town of Wray is county seat. Confirm with Yuma County.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
WATER SUPPLY	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Yuma County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Rural northeastern Colorado county. Town of Wray is county seat. Confirm with Yuma County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Yuma County Clerk

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

RESEARCH NOTES

No Yuma County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Rural northeastern CO county. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product $10,000 annual cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.yumacounty.org/public-health
https://www.yumacounty.org/planning
https://www.yumacounty.org
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods
https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048

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