

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Apache County

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## STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932; AZ Admin Code R9-8-101.02

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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.

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Yes (Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Food handler training course required (ANSI-accredited).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**Varies (Apache County has a Community Development/Zoning department ([apachecountyaz.gov](http://apachecountyaz.gov)). No specific county-level cottage food home occupation permit found for unincorporated areas. Contact Apache County Community Development for zoning requirements.)**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; AZ DHS may inspect upon complaint or violation concern)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Food handler training course required (ANSI-accredited).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per food handler training
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Must comply with safe handling, processing, and storage requirements per food handler training course and AZ DHS guidance

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; AZ DHS may inspect upon complaint or violation concern
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Apache County has a Community Development/Zoning department ( <a href="http://apachecountyaz.gov">apachecountyaz.gov</a> ). No specific county-level cottage food home occupation permit found for unincorporated areas. Contact Apache County Community Development for zoning requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed statewide; online sales, farmers markets, retail stores, and third-party delivery permitted. No state-imposed sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under AZ cottage food law

### Relevant county code

Apache County Zoning Ordinance — contact Community Development for applicable section

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Arizona has one of the most permissive cottage food laws post-2024 (HB 2042 expanded to perishables). AZ DHS registration required, renewed every 3 years; food handler cert required. Apache County is largely rural with Navajo Nation lands. County govt URL confirmed at [apachecountyaz.gov](https://apachecountyaz.gov). No Apache County-specific cottage food restrictions found. State preemption applies to local cottage food restrictions per AZ law.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.apachecountyaz.gov>

<https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

<https://regulations.justia.com/states/arizona/title-9/chapter-8/article-1/r9-8-101-02/>

<https://www.apachecountyaz.gov/Business-Owners>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arizona/apache-county-discuss>

## State context — Arizona cottage food law

Apache County's rules sit on top of Arizona's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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### STATUTE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

### INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed for non-dairy/non-meat products; stores must display homemade products separately from commercially produced items; dairy and meat products must be sold directly in person (online orders allowed but must be delivered in person, not via third-party platforms).

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Arizona cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=36>

State dept cottage food page: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/arizona/>

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