

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cochise County

Arizona · Bisbee · FIPS 04003 · Population 125,504 · Crosodo Index #1666*

STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932; no sales cap; registration required with AZ DHS; food handler cert required; no inspection; indirect sales allowed

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	—	MEDIUM	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.

How to start — 60-second path

Cochise County, Arizona — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific county overlay; state food safety standards apply. Food preparation areas should be clean and free from contamination.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Arizona cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Arizona home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Arizona label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Arizona state law allows cottage food production from a registered home kitchen. Cochise County follows state baseline. Registration with AZ Department of Health Services required; renews every 3 years.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county overlay; state food safety standards apply. Food preparation areas should be clean and free from contamination.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Cochise County Planning & Zoning requires a Home Occupation approval for home-based businesses in residential zones (Cochise County Zoning Ordinance §2.48.190). Application to Cochise County Development Services Department; processing fee required. Standards include: business owner must reside on property; max 2 non-resident employees; up to 3 clients/customers at one time on-site; all activities within enclosed building; no excessive noise/odors. Food preparation must comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (AZ state law does not require routine inspections for registered cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Arizona state law allows cottage food production from a registered home kitchen. Cochise County follows state baseline. Registration with AZ Department of Health Services required; renews every 3 years.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific county overlay; state food safety standards apply. Food preparation areas should be clean and free from contamination.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per AZ state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard state food safety handwashing requirements apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per standard food safety practices. Perishable ingredients refrigerated appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Customer pickup and delivery/pickup of supplies allowed 8 AM–7 PM per home occupation standards. No semi-tractor trailers for delivery/pickup. Arizona state law allows broad direct and indirect sales channels.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Maximum 2 non-resident employees on-site at a time per Cochise County Zoning §2.48.190.

Relevant county code

Cochise County Zoning Ordinance §2.48.190 (Home Occupations); A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (AZ tier Great). Arizona's broad cottage food law (HB 2042, 2024) allows perishable and non-perishable foods with no sales cap. Cochise County has a formal Home Occupations program under §2.48.190 with specific employee and customer limits. Zoning code obtained via Zoneomics mirror of Cochise County ordinance. County home occupation FAQ at cochise.az.gov confirmed. No dedicated county health URL found. Home occupation permit is separate from AZ DHS cottage food registration. Confidence medium: county zoning code confirmed via secondary source; AZ DHS state registration is primary regulatory requirement.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cochise.az.gov/246/Home-Occupations>

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<https://www.cochise.az.gov/Faq.aspx?TID=25>

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/cochise-county-unincorporated-AZ/chapter_17

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/arizona/cochise-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cochise County	Pima County	Graham County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county overlay; state food safety standards apply. Food preparation areas should be clean and free from contamination.	State baseline applies	Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Customer pickup and delivery/pickup of supplies allowed 8 AM–7 PM per home occupation standards. No semi-tractor trailers for delivery/pick...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. Local codes may address where food can and cannot be sold. ARS §36-931 provisions do not affect...	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional — check county zoning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Conditional — check with county
RESTRICTIONS	Arizona state law allows cottage food production from a registered home kitchen. Cochise County follows state baseline. Registration with A...	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...	Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Pr...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per standard food safety practices. Perishable ingredients refrigerated appropriately.	State baseline applies	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated
POPULATION	125,504	1,042,393	38,453

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Cochise 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.

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).

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Arizona cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/arizona.

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/>

Questions about Cochise County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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