

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Graham County

Arizona · Safford · FIPS 04009 · Population 40,242 · Crosodo Index #901*

STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

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ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional — check county zoning

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply

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.

ARIZONA: GRAHAM COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Products containing meat must meet federal exemption requirements. Some county health departments may require a locally-issued food handler card in addition to state registration.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional — check county zoning (No county-specific home occupation ordinance confirmed restricting cottage food. State law (A.R.S. §36-932) authorizes home kitchen sales. Producers should verify with county planning/zoning if their jurisdiction has home occupation rules applicable to food sales from home.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible through AZ DHS or county health)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Products containing meat must meet federal exemption requirements. Some county health departments may require a locally-issued food handler card in addition to state registration.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required; residential water supply acceptable

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitary practices; state food safety guidance applies

FOOD STORAGE

Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspection; complaint-based investigation possible through AZ DHS or county health

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Conditional — check with county

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

Relevant county code

N/A — no county-specific cottage food code found; state law governs

RESEARCH NOTES

Arizona state cottage food law (A.R.S. §36-931/§36-932, expanded by HB 2042 in 2024) governs. Graham County Health Department enforces food establishment permits; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration via AZ DHS required; food handler training required (ADHS-approved course). Graham County may require a locally-issued food handler card per state baseline note. No county-specific home occupation ordinance found restricting cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.graham.az.gov/154/Health-Department>

<https://www.graham.az.gov/119/Planning-Zoning>

<https://www.graham.az.gov/>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Graham County	Greenlee County	Apache County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply	Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply	Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law	Direct and indirect sales allowed statewide; online sales, farmers markets, retail stores, and third-party delivery permitted. No state-imp...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — check county zoning	Conditional — check county zoning	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional — check with county	Conditional — check with county	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Pr...	Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Pr...	Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Foo...
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated	Must comply with safe handling, processing, and storage requirements per food handler training course and AZ DHS guidance
POPULATION	38,453	9,483	66,054

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Graham 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/>

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