

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Greenlee County

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STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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.

ARIZONA: GREENLEE COUNTY

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Greenlee County

Population 9,410 · State baseline: A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932 · **MEDIUM****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	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.
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. Greenlee County is Arizona's smallest county by population (~9,600). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State registration via AZ DHS required; food handler training required (ADHS-approved course). County may require 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.greenlee.az.gov/departments/health>

<https://www.greenlee.az.gov/departments/planning>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Greenlee County	Graham 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	9,483	38,453	66,054

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Greenlee 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 —
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](#).

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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