

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

La Paz County

Arizona · Parker · FIPS 04012 · Population 16,992 · Crosodo
Index #898*

STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

Great

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

La Paz 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.

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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. La Paz County Health Department / Environmental Health administers food permits. La Paz County website shows Food Establishment Plan Review Application required for food establishments; cottage food operations registered at state level through AZ DHS are distinct from food establishments and exempt from county plan review. Food handler training required (ADHS-approved course). County may require locally-issued food handler card per state baseline note. La Paz County confirmed to have food establishment permit infrastructure. Official county food permits page confirmed at <https://www.co.la-paz.az.us/670/Food-Permits>.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.la-paz.az.us/644/Health-Department>

<https://www.co.la-paz.az.us/195/Planning-Zoning>

<https://www.co.la-paz.az.us/>

<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/la-paz-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	La Paz County	Maricopa County	Mohave 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	State baseline applies	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented in Arizona cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	No	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does ...	Arizona cottage food allows broad sales channels: direct from home, online, at events, through retailers, and via delivery. Non-dairy/non-m...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — check county zoning	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional — check with county	Varies by city	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Pr...	Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning app...	Arizona's cottage food program (A.R.S. §36-931/932, expanded by HB 2042 in 2024) allows almost any food including perishables and foods con...
FOOD STORAGE	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated	State baseline applies	Non-alcoholic, non-prohibited foods in standard safe storage conditions. Perishable items now allowed under 2024 HB 2042 expansion.
POPULATION	16,681	4,430,871	214,229

State context — Arizona cottage food law

La Paz 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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