

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Mohave County

Arizona · Kingman · FIPS 04015 · Population 214,229 ·
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STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (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 containing meat from approved sources. Must register online with AZ DHS (renewed every 3 years). Food handler certification required. Some counties may require a locally-issued food handler card. No sales cap. No routine kitchen inspection.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented in Arizona cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Mohave County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City) may require home occupation permits for business operations from a residence. Contact Mohave County Planning & Zoning or relevant municipal planning office. Arizona state law does not preempt local home occupation zoning requirements for cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine kitchen inspections under Arizona cottage food law. AZ DHS may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented in Arizona cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Arizona cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required (AZ DHS registration prerequisite). Handwashing and hygiene standards are part of food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-alcoholic, non-prohibited foods in standard safe storage conditions. Perishable items now allowed under 2024 HB 2042 expansion.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arizona cottage food allows broad sales channels: direct from home, online, at events, through retailers, and via delivery. Non-dairy/non-meat products may be sold anywhere including online and in stores. The 2024 expansion added perishable food sales options.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Arizona cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

A.R.S. §36-931; §36-932; Mohave County zoning ordinances (contact Planning & Zoning)

RESEARCH NOTES

Arizona state baseline applies. Mohave County is a large rural/exurban county in northwestern Arizona (county seat: Kingman). No county-specific URLs provided. No Mohave County-specific cottage food overrides found. The 2024 HB 2042 significantly expanded Arizona’s framework to allow perishable foods — one of the most permissive expansions nationally. The state baseline notes approximately 10,000 registered businesses as of 2024. Some counties may require a locally-issued food handler card.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<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/mohave-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Mohave County	Yavapai County	Coconino County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented in Arizona cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified in state statute	No statewide prohibition on pets, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions; some counties may require a locally issued food handler ca...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	No routine inspection required. Registration with AZ DHS required; renewed every 3 years. Food handler certification (specific course) requ...	Must be registered with AZ DHS. Food handler certification (specific course) required. For non-perishable foods sold in retail stores, prod...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-alcoholic, non-prohibited foods in standard safe storage conditions. Perishable items now allowed under 2024 HB 2042 expansion.	Broad: most non-TCS foods allowed; 2024 expansion allows perishable foods with restrictions. Non-dairy/non-meat products can be sold anywhe...	Non-perishable foods must be stored in food-safe, sealed containers. Perishable foods (allowed since 2024) must be temperature-controlled p...
POPULATION	214,229	237,830	144,705

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Mohave 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](#).

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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