

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Yuma County

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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. Yuma County may require a locally-issued food handler card. No sales cap. No routine kitchen inspection. Yuma County is an agricultural border county with Mexico.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction in Arizona cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Yuma County (unincorporated areas) and City of Yuma may require home occupation permits. Contact Yuma County Planning & Zoning (yumacountyaz.gov) or City of Yuma Planning for home occupation requirements. Arizona does not preempt local home occupation zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine 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 in Arizona cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Arizona cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required (prerequisite for AZ DHS registration). Handwashing covered in certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods in safe storage. Perishable items allowed under 2024 HB 2042.

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. 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; Yuma County zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Arizona state baseline applies. Yuma County (county seat: Yuma) is in southwestern Arizona on the California and Mexico borders; major agricultural region. No Yuma County-specific cottage food overrides found. Arizona's 2024 expansion (HB 2042) allows perishable foods and dramatically expanded the program.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.yumacountyaz.gov>

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

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

<https://www.yumacountyaz.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Yuma County	Pima County	Maricopa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Arizona cottage food statute.	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Arizona cottage food allows broad sales channels: direct from home, online, at events, through retailers. The 2024 expansion added perishab...	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...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Varies by city
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...	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...	Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning app...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods in safe storage. Perishable items allowed under 2024 HB 2042.	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
POPULATION	204,374	1,042,393	4,430,871

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Yuma 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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