

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Baca County

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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; [cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods)

## STATE TIER

**Great**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

**Tiered (see notes)**

## 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.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

True

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

False

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit, but Baca County zoning rules for home-based businesses may apply. Very rural southeastern plains county with minimal regulatory infrastructure. Producers should verify with Baca County whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

True

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

False

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**WATER SUPPLY**

Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; southeastern plains county - well water common

**HANDWASHING**

Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements

**FOOD STORAGE**

Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Baca County or Town of Springfield

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

**Relevant county code**

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Baca County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Extremely rural southeastern Colorado plains county bordering Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Population under 4,000. Minimal county regulatory infrastructure. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. \$10,000 annual cap per product type.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.bacagov.com/departments/public-health>

<https://www.bacagov.com/departments/planning>

<https://www.bacagov.com>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/baca-county-discuss>

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Baca County’s rules sit on top of Colorado’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<b>STATUTE</b> C.R.S. §25-4-1614	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> Tiered (see notes)
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.	

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Colorado cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a\\_158\\_signed.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf)

State dept cottage food page: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/colorado/>

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