

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Costilla County

Colorado · San Luis · FIPS 08023 · Population 3,686 ·
Crosodo Index #3118*

STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; 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

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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. Costilla County is rural with San Luis as the oldest continuously inhabited town in Colorado. Producers should verify with Costilla County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.)

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

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 Possibly — Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Costilla County is rural with San Luis as the oldest continuously inhabited town in Colorado. Producers should verify with Costilla County whether any home occupation permit is required under county zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Costilla County

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 Costilla County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural San Luis Valley county; San Luis is Colorado's oldest town. Predominantly Hispanic community with strong traditional food culture. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. \$10,000 annual cap per product type. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) pending may be especially relevant if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.costillacounty.org/public-health>

<https://www.costillacounty.org/planning>

<https://www.costillacounty.org>

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

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Costilla County	Alamosa County	Conejos County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	False	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly	Possibly	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Costilla County	Possibly; City of Alamosa may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Alamosa	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Conejos County
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	3,534	16,460	7,553

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Costilla 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.

STATUTE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES

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.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: 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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