

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Fremont County

Colorado · Canon City · FIPS 08043 · Population 49,107 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
C.R.S. §25-4-1614	Great	Tiered (see notes)	MEDIUM	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 (Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Whole eggs allowed (≤250 dozen/month). Direct-to-consumer sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Fremont County and City of Canon City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Fremont County Planning and Zoning and City of Canon City planning department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY Not specified in state cottage food law.

HANDWASHING Food safety training required (CSU Extension \$50, or online food handler card ~\$10-15, or local health dept course).

FOOD STORAGE Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED Upon-complaint — Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Conditional — Fremont County and City of Canon City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Fremont County Planning and Zoning and City of Canon City planning department.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Fremont County zoning code; City of Canon City zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado’s per-product \$10,000 cap allows unlimited total revenue by offering multiple products. CDPHE free registration required. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) is pending as of 2026 which would expand to refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 2027. Fremont County includes Canon City and the Royal Gorge area. County_seat was blank in input; county seat is Canon City. Note: input state_cottage_food_url had a note about the statute_url being incorrect; correct statute is C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Fremont County	Pueblo County	El Paso County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state ship...	Direct sales from home (limited per zoning), farmers markets, and online within Colorado.	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$10,000 per-product annual cap (no tota...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked ...	Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap \$10,000 per...	State baseline applies. Free CDPHE registration required. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Food handler certification re...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.	Standard food storage; non-PHF only
POPULATION	49,107	168,135	730,323

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Fremont 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP Tiered (see notes)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
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.	

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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