

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Garfield County

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61,683 · Crosodo Index #1729\*

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 (Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed; \$10,000 annual cap per product (not per total revenue). Direct sales only. Food handler certification required (e.g., CSU Extension course or ANSI-accredited online card).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed; \$10,000 annual cap per product (not per total revenue). Direct sales only. Food handler certification required (e.g., CSU Extension course or ANSI-accredited online card).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Public or private water supply meeting state standards; no specific cottage food water testing requirement at state level.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing facilities required as part of food safety practices; no separate state cottage food-specific mandate beyond general GMP.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute; family members may assist.

### Relevant county code

Garfield County Land Use and Development Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Garfield County. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) applies. Garfield County Community Development should be consulted for home occupation permit requirements. Colorado does not preempt local zoning for cottage food operations. The \$10,000 cap is per product, not total revenue, allowing multiple product lines. Pending HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) would expand allowed foods and remove per-product cap as of January 1, 2027 if enacted.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb16-058>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Garfield County	Eagle County	Mesa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recom...	No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.	Direct-to-consumer sales only: from home, at farmers markets, fairs, events, and via internet/mail order within Colorado only. No wholesale...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous fo...	Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free reg...	Colorado requires free CDPHE registration. Food safety training required (various options: CSU Extension \$50, online food handler card ~\$10...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spi...	Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Proper storage required.
POPULATION	61,683	55,650	156,131

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Garfield 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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## Questions?

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