

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Morgan County

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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great

## 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; standard CO cottage food applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Likely; verify with Morgan County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Fort Morgan has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Morgan County Planning & Zoning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

True

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

False

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

**WATER SUPPLY**

No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food

**HANDWASHING**

Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance

**FOOD STORAGE**

Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Likely; verify with Morgan County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. City of Fort Morgan has separate municipal zoning. Confirm with Morgan County Planning & Zoning.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Possibly; verify with Morgan County and City of Fort Morgan

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**

True

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE**

No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES**

Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME**

Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Morgan County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) governs. Food safety training required before operations. Per-product \$10,000 annual cap.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.morgancounty.net/280/Public-Health>

<https://www.morgancounty.net/176/Planning-Zoning>

<https://www.morgancounty.net>

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

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048>

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

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Morgan 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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