

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pueblo County

Colorado · Pueblo · FIPS 08101 · Population 168,135 ·
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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)	HIGH	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.

How to start — 60-second path

Pueblo County, Colorado — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Colorado cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Colorado home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Colorado label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap \$10,000 per product (not total revenue — producers can sell unlimited total with multiple products). Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Allowed foods include 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 (≤250 dozen/month).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Pueblo County has detailed home occupation zoning rules (Chapter 17.120.030). Home occupation disclosure form required from Pueblo County Dept. of Planning and Development. Standards: secondary to residential use, activities within dwelling/accessory building, max 1 non-resident employee, client visits allowed but must not generate excess traffic, on-site display/sale of goods generally prohibited unless typical of home occupation. Pueblo city has separate home-based business rules with stricter conditions (no customers, no on-site sales of materials, household members only). Pueblo County Public Health has a Food Safety & Licensing page listing cottage foods.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Pueblo County has detailed home occupation zoning rules (Chapter 17.120.030). Home occupation disclosure form required from Pueblo County Dept. of Planning and Development. Standards: secondary to residential use, activities within dwelling/accessory building, max 1 non-resident employee, client visits allowed but must not generate excess traffic, on-site display/sale of goods generally prohibited unless typical of home occupation. Pueblo city has separate home-based business rules with stricter conditions (no customers, no on-site sales of materials, household members only). Pueblo County Public Health has a Food Safety & Licensing page listing cottage foods.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (limited per zoning), farmers markets, and online within Colorado.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee maximum under county Chapter 17.120.030.

Relevant county code

Pueblo County Zoning Code Chapter 17.120.030 (Home Occupations); C.R.S. §25-4-1614

RESEARCH NOTES

Pueblo County official website (county.pueblo.org) directly provides home occupation regulations (Chapter 17.120.030) and public health food safety/licensing page listing cottage foods. County government URL confirmed. Pueblo city has separate and stricter home-based business rules — no customer traffic, no on-site sales of materials. Colorado's \$10,000 per-product cap is unique; producers can sell multiple products to reach higher total revenue. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act, 2026) pending would expand to allow refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 1, 2027.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://county.pueblo.org>

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

<https://county.pueblo.org/planning-and-development-department/chapter-17120-supplementary-regulations>

<https://county.pueblo.org/public-health-department/food-safety-licensing>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/colorado/pueblo-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pueblo County	El Paso County	Fremont County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	Not specified in state cottage food law.
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 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...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state ship...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.	Standard food storage; non-PHF only	Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.
POPULATION	168,135	730,323	49,107

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Pueblo 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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/colorado.

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/>

Questions about Pueblo County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/colorado/pueblo-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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