

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Rio Blanco County

Colorado · — · FIPS 08103 · Population 6,607 · Crosodo Index #3095*

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 Rio Blanco County Planning (No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Meeker has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Rio Blanco 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 Rio Blanco County Planning — No county-specific home occupation code located. Town of Meeker has separate municipal rules. Confirm with Rio Blanco County Planning & Zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Possibly; verify with Rio Blanco County Clerk

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 Rio Blanco 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.rioblancosoa.com/public-health>

<https://www.rioblancosoa.com/planning>

<https://www.rioblancosoa.com>

<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/rio-blanco-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Rio Blanco County	Moffat County	Routt County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Rio Blanco County Planning	Likely; verify with Moffat County Planning	Yes (for unincorporated county); verify for Steamboat Springs separately
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Rio Blanco County Clerk	Possibly; verify with Moffat County Clerk and Craig city clerk	Possibly; verify with Routt County and City of Steamboat Springs as applicable
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found
POPULATION	6,511	13,232	24,944

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Rio Blanco 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.

<p>STATUTE C.R.S. §25-4-1614</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP Tiered (see notes)</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes</p>
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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/>

Questions?

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