

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Sedgwick 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 Sedgwick County (No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small county (pop. ~2,400) in northeastern Colorado. Town of Julesburg is county seat. Confirm with Sedgwick County.)

**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

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

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Possibly; verify with Sedgwick 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 Sedgwick County-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance surfaced in search. Very small, rural northeastern CO county (~2,400 pop.). 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.sedgwickcounty.org/public-health>

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/planning>

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org>

<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/sedgwick-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sedgwick County	Logan County	Phillips County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	<b>True</b>	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	<b>False</b>	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	<b>No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies</b>	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	<b>Upon-complaint only</b>	False	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	<b>True</b>	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	<b>No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale</b>	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP	<b>Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)</b>	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	<b>Likely; verify with Sedgwick County</b>	Possibly	Likely; verify with Phillips County Planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	<b>Possibly; verify with Sedgwick County Clerk</b>	Possibly; City of Sterling may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Sterling	Possibly; verify with Phillips County Clerk
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	<b>Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found</b>	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found
POPULATION	<b>2,391</b>	21,302	4,493

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

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