

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Weld County

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STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; food safety course required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct sales only; no license or inspection required

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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 (Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no retail/wholesale); labeling and disclaimer placard required; HOA and local zoning must allow home-based business)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE complaint-based investigation)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE complaint-based investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Single proprietor or LLC with 2 or fewer owners; designated representative allowed

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado has a per-product \$10,000 cap which is low compared to most states. No Weld County-specific overlay found. Weld County is large agricultural county with unincorporated areas and cities including Greeley.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.weldgov.com>

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

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

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

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Weld 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP Tiered (see notes)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
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.	

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/>

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