

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bannock County

Idaho · Pocatello · FIPS 16005 · Population 87,434 · Crosodo Index #821*

STATE BASELINE

IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

STATE TIER

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ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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 (Same as all Idaho counties: production from primary residence, non-potentially-hazardous foods only (no acidified foods), direct sales only within Idaho, no registration or inspection required. No wholesale or restaurant sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state-level requirement; good practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (City of Pocatello (county seat) may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Bannock County Planning Department at <https://www.bannockcounty.gov/planning> handles unincorporated areas. Producers should contact the appropriate planning authority.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. IDHW may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Idaho counties: production from primary residence, non-potentially-hazardous foods only (no acidified foods), direct sales only within Idaho, no registration or inspection required. No wholesale or restaurant sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state-level requirement; good practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific testing mandate.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement; standard hygiene expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Safe storage at primary residence to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. IDHW may investigate upon complaint.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers permitted; pickup from home allowed. Idaho does not allow internet/mail order or wholesale under cottage food framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Bannock County-specific cottage food code identified. IDAPA 16.02.19 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bannock County follows the statewide Idaho cottage food framework. Planning URL and county govt URL from input data. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed; county-level planning requirements not verified from official county code.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bannockcounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.bannockcounty.us>

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/160219.pdf>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bannock County	Bingham County	Caribou County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state-level requirement; good practices recommended.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Idaho counties: production from primary residence, non-potentially-hazardous foods only (no acidified foods), direct sales only...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...
FOOD STORAGE	Safe storage at primary residence to prevent adulteration.	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.
POPULATION	87,434	47,796	7,100

State context — Idaho cottage food law

Bannock County’s rules sit on top of Idaho’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — Idaho prohibits wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only direct-to-consumer in-person sales at home, farmers markets, events, online (pickup/delivery), and roadside stands are allowed.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Idaho cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/160219.pdf>

State dept cottage food page: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/idaho/>

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