

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Bonner County

Idaho · Sandpoint · FIPS 16017 · Population 46,481 · Crosodo Index #692\*

## STATE BASELINE

IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## 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?**

Yes (Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed (no acidified foods). Direct sales only to end consumers in Idaho. No wholesale, retail store, or restaurant sales permitted.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Bonner County is a larger north Idaho panhandle county with Sandpoint as county seat. Bonner County has a comprehensive zoning ordinance. Home occupations in residential zones typically require a home occupation permit; business must be secondary to residential use, operated by a resident, no exterior commercial signage, limited customer traffic. Contact Bonner County Planning at (208) 265-1458 for permit requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection. Panhandle Health District (serving Bonner County) may investigate upon complaint.)

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** Yes — Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed (no acidified foods). Direct sales only to end consumers in Idaho. No wholesale, retail store, or restaurant sales permitted.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** No

**PET RESTRICTIONS** No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water required. No additional testing requirements at state level.

**HANDWASHING** Standard good hygiene practices expected; no specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE** Products must be stored at producer’s primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.

### Inspection & permitting

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or internet sales under state law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law. County home occupation rules typically restrict non-resident employees.

### Relevant county code

Bonner County Revised Code, land use and zoning provisions (unincorporated areas).

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Bonner County is a growing north Idaho panhandle county with significant residential development around Sandpoint and Lake Pend Oreille. No specific cottage food zoning text located in research. Idaho cottage food governed by IDAPA 16.02.19; direct sales only; no acidified foods. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.bonnercountyid.gov>

<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/bonner-county-discuss>

## State context — Idaho cottage food law

Bonner 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b>	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b>
IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)	—
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b>	
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.	

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

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### 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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