

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Canyon County

Idaho · Caldwell · FIPS 16027 · Population 235,006 · Crosodo Index #466\*

## 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

2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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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 (No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. All non-potentially hazardous foods allowed except acidified foods. Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale, no restaurant sales, no retail store sales. Canyon County is served by Southwest District Health (one of Idaho’s 7 health districts).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Canyon County and City of Caldwell may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Check with Canyon County Planning & Development or City of Caldwell Planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; no registration required)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. All non-potentially hazardous foods allowed except acidified foods. Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale, no restaurant sales, no retail store sales. Canyon County is served by Southwest District Health (one of Idaho’s 7 health districts).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	IDHW recommends potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal certification required; IDHW recommends (but does not require) food handler course
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS non-acidified shelf-stable foods; acidified foods (pickles, salsas) prohibited

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; no registration required
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Canyon County and City of Caldwell may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Check with Canyon County Planning & Development or City of Caldwell Planning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no retail, no internet/mail order to out-of-state consumers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state rules

### Relevant county code

IDAPA 16.02.19; Canyon County zoning; Southwest District Health

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Canyon County ID follows Idaho state baseline (IDAPA 16.02.19). Idaho is highly permissive — no registration, inspection, training, or cap. Canyon County is the second-largest county in Idaho by population (Nampa/Caldwell area). Southwest District Health serves Canyon County. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Canyon County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.canyoncounty.id.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/canyon-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Canyon County	Ada County	Gem County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	<b>Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary</b>	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected	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	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	<b>Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no retail, no internet/mail order to out-of-state consumers.</b>	Direct sales within Idaho: farmers markets, events, home. No wholesale/retail/restaurant. No annual cap. No online/interstate sales.	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	<b>No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. All non-potentially hazardous foods allowed except acidified foods. ...</b>	All non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. No whole...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...
FOOD STORAGE	<b>Non-TCS non-acidified shelf-stable foods; acidified foods (pickles, salsas) prohibited</b>	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.
POPULATION	235,006	497,494	18,700

## State context — Idaho cottage food law

Canyon 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.

<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.	

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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