

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kootenai County

Idaho · Coeur d'Alene · FIPS 16055 · Population 173,396 ·
Crosodo Index #655*

STATE BASELINE

IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

HIGH

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Kootenai County, Idaho — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit state restriction; IDHW recommends food handler course but does not require it.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Idaho cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Idaho home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Idaho label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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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. Direct sales only; no wholesale, retail stores, or restaurants. Non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No interstate sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; IDHW recommends food handler course but does not require it.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Kootenai County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones (accessory use). Idaho Cottage Food Law (IC §37-306 per some sources) or IDAPA 16.02.19 framework applies. Common conditions: no external signage, no on-site employees, limited customer visits. City of Coeur d'Alene requires a Home Occupation certificate from the City Clerk's Office for any business conducted from a residence for compensation (contact 208-769-2229). County ordinances apply to unincorporated areas.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Panhandle Health District (North Idaho) may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. Direct sales only; no wholesale, retail stores, or restaurants. Non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No interstate sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; IDHW recommends food handler course but does not require it.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated requirement; good manufacturing practices encouraged.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online with in-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically no on-site employees per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

IDAPA 16.02.19; Kootenai County Zoning Code (home occupations); Coeur d'Alene Municipal Services home occupation requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

City of Coeur d'Alene Home Occupation certificate requirement confirmed at official cdaid.org city website. Kootenai County is a fast-growing county in North Idaho (Coeur d'Alene area). Panhandle Health District serves the 5 northern Idaho counties including Kootenai. EIPH (Eastern Idaho Public Health) cottage food page confirms no food license required for qualifying direct-to-consumer cottage food sales but a Cottage Food Risk Assessment Form should be submitted to the local health district.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kcgov.us>

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

<https://www.cdaid.org/1349/departments/municipal/business-licensing/permits-and-licenses/home-occupation>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/kootenai-county-id>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/idaho/kootenai-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kootenai County	Benewah County	Bonner County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; IDHW recommends food handler course but does not require it.	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	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online with in-state delivery.	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...	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	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. Direct sales only; no wholesale, retail stores, or restaurants. Non-...	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	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.	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	173,396	9,345	46,481

State context — Idaho cottage food law

Kootenai 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](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/idaho.

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/>

Questions about Kootenai County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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