

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Box Butte County

Nebraska · Alliance · FIPS 31013 · Population 10,703 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	<b>Good</b>	—	<b>MEDIUM</b>	

**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.

## NEBRASKA: BOX BUTTE COUNTY

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Population 10,703 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

**Home kitchen rules**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

**Inspection & permitting**

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT No

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

**Customer-facing rules**ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Box Butte County is a rural Nebraska county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. Nebraska's cottage food law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280) requires registration and food handler certification but has no sales cap. As of LB262 (July 2024), some TCS foods are also permitted. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most rural NE counties; state law governs.

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/nebraska/box-butte-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Box Butte County	Dawes County	Morrill County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	—	Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	<b>No</b>	Varies	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	—	State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc...	—
FOOD STORAGE	—	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	—
POPULATION	<b>10,778</b>	8,702	4,562

## State context — Nebraska cottage food law

Box Butte County's rules sit on top of Nebraska'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>
Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)	—
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b>	
No — Sales must be direct-to-consumer. Wholesale to restaurants, grocery stores, or distributors is not permitted under the cottage food framework. Non-TCS foods may be mailed; TCS foods must be delivered in person by the producer within 2 hours.	

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,239.05>

State dept cottage food page: [https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed\\_food/cottage\\_foods.html](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

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

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