

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hall County

Nebraska · Grand Island · FIPS 31079 · Population 62,575 ·  
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STATE BASELINE

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (as amended by LB262, effective July 19, 2024)

STATE TIER

**Good**

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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 (Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and delivery. LB262 (2024) also allows some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. No sales cap.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Hall County includes Grand Island, Nebraska’s fourth-largest city. County govt URL confirmed at hallcountyne.gov. Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning at (308) 385-5041 for local home occupation requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and delivery. LB262 (2024) also allows some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. No sales cap.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food handler certification required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods primarily; some TCS foods allowed under LB262 with handling requirements. Prohibited: raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, raw sprouts, infused oils, tofu/tempeh, kimchi/kombucha, low-acid canned/hermetically sealed goods.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Hall County includes Grand Island, Nebraska’s fourth-largest city. County govt URL confirmed at hallcountyne.gov. Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning at (308) 385-5041 for local home occupation requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at public events, home pickup/delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores under this framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

**Relevant county code**

Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning for local requirements

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Nebraska LB262 (2024) expanded cottage food to allow some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required; food handler cert required. Hall County (Grand Island) is a significant agricultural and meat processing hub in south-central Nebraska. County govt URL confirmed. No specific county overrides found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.hallcountyne.gov>

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

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,280>

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

## State context — Nebraska cottage food law

Hall 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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