

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Esmeralda County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	Okay	35000	MEDIUM	

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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Population 720 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

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 —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rulesON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Esmeralda County is one of the least-populous counties in the US. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or a designated local health authority. No Esmeralda County-specific cottage food ordinances found. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition and sparse local information.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Esmeralda County	Mineral County	Nye County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	Not specified in state law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	Under AB352 (2025): in-person and mail/delivery sales allowed. Direct-to-consumer sales required; no wholesale to distributors, retailers, ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—	—	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	Must be primary private home kitchen. Under new AB352 (2025): license from State Department of Agriculture required, annual sales cap raise...
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	Products must be non-potentially hazardous or acidified; no TCS foods without additional licensing.
POPULATION	980	4,568	51,698

State context — Nevada cottage food law

Esmeralda County's rules sit on top of Nevada's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025)	35000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — Under the pre-2025 law (NRS 446.866), sales must be in-person transactions only — no internet or phone sales. Products may not be sold to wholesalers, brokers, distributors, or retail establishments for resale. AB352 (2025) amends this to allow phone and internet transactions with delivery via mail or food delivery service, but product relinquishment must still occur in Nevada. Local rules vary significantly: Clark County (Las Vegas), Washoe County, Carson City, and Douglas County have separate health authority requirements.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-446.html#NRS446Sec866>

State dept cottage food page: https://dphh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

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

Questions?

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