

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hidalgo County

New Mexico · Lordsburg · FIPS 35023 · Population 3,966 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	Great	—	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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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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 rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

New Mexico §25-12-5 expressly preempts county and municipal regulation of homemade food production and sales. Hidalgo County is a rural border county; no county-specific cottage food ordinances found. State baseline applied at high confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hidalgo County	Grant County	Luna County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	—
POPULATION	4,160	28,006	25,393

State context — New Mexico cottage food law

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

STATUTE NMSA §25-12-3 (Homemade Food Act)	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Sales must be direct to consumers within New Mexico. Products may not be sold to restaurants, wholesalers, distributors, or outside New Mexico. Internet, mail, and phone sales directly to consumers are permitted. The NMED Food Safety Program does not have jurisdiction in Bernalillo County and Albuquerque (which have their own programs); those areas may operate mandatory or voluntary permit systems.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://laws.nmonesource.com/w/nmos/Chapter-25-NMSA-1978>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram/homemade-food-act/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-mexico/>

Questions?

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