

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Los Alamos County

New Mexico · Los Alamos · FIPS 35028 · Population 19,675 ·
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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.

How to start — 60-second path

Los Alamos County, New Mexico — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION

—

PETS

—

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under New Mexico 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
- ☐ New Mexico home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

New Mexico 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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Population 19,675 · 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

Los Alamos is a consolidated city-county and a class A county; under NMSA §25-12-3(F) it could operate a voluntary or mandatory permit system if it has a combined local health department under a Joint Powers Agreement, but any such system must still allow all food items and channels authorized by the Homemade Food Act. NMSA §25-12-5 state preemption prevents adding restrictions. No evidence of a local mandatory permit system found. State baseline applied at high confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/new-mexico/los-alamos-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Los Alamos County	Rio Arriba County	Sandoval County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	No specific state restriction on pets in home.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	Sales at farmers markets, festivals, internet, roadside stands, home pickup/delivery, and mail delivery within New Mexico. No sales to rest...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—	—	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	New Mexico Homemade Food Act (eff. July 1, 2021): no registration or permit required (voluntary permit available from NMED). No sales cap. ...
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	Non-TCS foods only. Alcohol-containing foods and CBD/hemp products prohibited from private residences.
POPULATION	19,253	40,285	149,460

State context — New Mexico cottage food law

Los Alamos 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
NMSA §25-12-3 (Homemade Food Act)	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	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](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/new-mexico.

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 about Los Alamos 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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