

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Codington County

South Dakota · Watertown · FIPS 46029 · Population 29,278
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
SDCL §34-18-35	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

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

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in South Dakota cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (No state-level permit or registration required for cottage food production under SDCL §34-18-35. State law preempts county/municipal restrictions. Codington County has no identified separate home occupation permit requirement for cottage food operations compliant with state law. A general business license from Watertown or Codington County may be required for any commercial activity, but is not specific to cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. The SD Department of Health may respond to foodborne illness complaints but does not conduct pre-operational inspections for cottage food producers.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in South Dakota cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement under SDCL §34-18-35.

HANDWASHING

No specific handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices in state cottage food law.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-temperature-controlled (shelf-stable) foods only; refrigerated or hot-held foods require standard licensure.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales both permitted. Allowed channels include home pickup, farmers markets, roadside stands, online sales, in-state shipping, and retail consignment. No sales cap under state law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified for Codington County. State preemption under SDCL §34-18-35 prevents local restriction of qualifying homemade food sales.

RESEARCH NOTES

South Dakota state law (SDCL §34-18-35, substantially amended by SL 2022 ch 106) governs cottage food statewide and explicitly preempts county and municipal ordinances from restricting qualifying homemade food sales. Codington County (county seat: Watertown) is a rural South Dakota county with no identified county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance beyond the state framework. No sales cap. Sellers of home-processed canned goods must complete the DOH-certified online training once every five years (~\$40). Defaulted to state baseline; county-specific search returned no additional restrictions.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://doh.sd.gov/topics/food-protection/cottage-foods/>

https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2050018

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

State context — South Dakota cottage food law

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

STATUTE SDCL §34-18-35	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT Recommended
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
INDIRECT SALES Yes — The statute does not restrict sales to direct-to-consumer channels only. Items are subject to sales tax. Local governments (counties, townships, municipalities) may not pass ordinances restricting, prohibiting, or imposing licensure on homemade food item sales under SDCL §34-18-1 definitions.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2050018

State dept cottage food page: <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/food-protection/cottage-foods/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/south-dakota/>

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