

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Beaver County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Utah Code §4-5-501	Freedom	—	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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Utah Cottage Food Law (Utah Code §4-5-501) allows sale of shelf-stable, non-potentially-hazardous foods from a home kitchen after UDAF registration and inspection. A valid food handler’s permit is required. Products may be sold direct-to-consumer or to retail stores within Utah. No annual sales cap. An alternative pathway (Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act, Title 4 Ch. 5A) allows broader product sales without UDAF registration but limits sales to direct-to-consumer only at direct-to-sale farmers markets. All local ordinances are preempted by state law. Beaver County is a rural unincorporated county; no county-specific cottage food ordinance identified.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; UDAF may note best practices during inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Utah cottage food law preempts local ordinances; local health departments and county governments may not require additional permits, licenses, or fees for registered cottage food operations. Beaver County has no identified separate home occupation ordinance for cottage food. State registration with UDAF is required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (UDAF conducts a pre-registration inspection of the home kitchen. Subsequent inspections may occur upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; UDAF may note best practices during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement beyond UDAF inspection standards.
HANDWASHING	Food handler’s permit training covers handwashing requirements. UDAF inspection verifies compliance.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially-hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. UDAF maintains a list of permitted cottage food products. Refrigerated or frozen foods are not permitted under cottage food registration.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold direct-to-consumer (home pickup, farmers markets, events, online orders) and to retail stores for resale within Utah. Mail delivery within Utah is permitted. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Beaver County. Utah state law (§4-5-501) preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Beaver County is a rural mountainous county in southwest Utah (county seat Beaver) on I-15. Utah has three cottage food pathways: (1) Cottage Food Registration under §4-5-501 (UDAF registration, food handler permit, home kitchen inspection required; shelf-stable products only; retail sales allowed); (2) Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4 Ch. 5A) — no registration needed but sales restricted to direct-to-consumer at specific farmers markets; (3) Microenterprise Home Kitchen Act (MEHKO, enacted 2021) allowing home-cooked meals with meat, same-day sale only. Utah state law explicitly preempts local ordinances for all three pathways. No county-specific ordinance found for Beaver County unincorporated areas. Defaulted to state UT baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ag.utah.gov/regulatory-services/cottage-food-production/>
<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title4/Chapter5/4-5-S501.html>

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

State context — Utah cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Utah Code §4-5-501

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Registered cottage food operations may sell through various channels. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) issues registration; local health departments do not have jurisdiction to regulate compliant cottage food operations except to investigate foodborne illness outbreaks. The state also has a separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Utah Code Title 4, Chapter 5A) that allows unregistered sales of certain homemade foods with a business license, but only at direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations with appropriate signage. Food service establishments may not use cottage food products as ingredients in food served to the public.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title4/Chapter5/4-5-S9.5.html>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

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

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