

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Box Elder County

Utah · Brigham City · FIPS 49003 · Population 58,291 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Utah Code §4-5-501	Freedom	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

**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 registration (Utah Code §4-5-501) requires UDAF registration and a food handler’s permit. No kitchen inspection. No sales cap. Non-TCS foods only. Both direct and indirect sales permitted. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction; UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Box Elder County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant UDAF-registered operations. Operators should check with Box Elder County for land-use requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine or complaint-only inspection authority for registered cottage food operations.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Utah cottage food registration (Utah Code §4-5-501) requires UDAF registration and a food handler’s permit. No kitchen inspection. No sales cap. Non-TCS foods only. Both direct and indirect sales permitted. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific pet restriction; UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food handler’s permit training covers hygiene; no specific standalone mandate.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine or complaint-only inspection authority for registered cottage food operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Box Elder County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant UDAF-registered operations. Operators should check with Box Elder County for land-use requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted. Farmers markets, home pickup, retail stores, online, and delivery all allowed under UDAF registration.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

Box Elder County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified. Note: local health dept jurisdiction excluded by state law.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Box Elder County. Utah is a Freedom-tier state. Two parallel pathways exist: (1) UDAF cottage food registration (§4-5-501) with broader sales rights; (2) Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) without state registration but more limited to direct sales at farmers markets. Box Elder County is in northern Utah (Brigham City area). Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating compliant registered operations.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

## State context — Utah cottage food law

Box Elder 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.

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**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.

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

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**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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## Questions?

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