

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Davis County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Utah Code §4-5-501	Freedom	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

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

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment; no specific pet restriction in statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Davis County municipalities (Farmington, Bountiful, Layton, Clearfield, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify with local city/county planning whether home occupation permit required. UDAF prohibits local health departments from requiring commercial kitchen equipment or otherwise restricting compliant registered operations. Local zoning compliance still required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. UDAF prohibits local health departments from jurisdiction over compliant registered operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment; no specific pet restriction in statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Food handler’s permit required; handwashing per food safety standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-PHF foods only.

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 allowed. Farmers markets, online, retail, and delivery all permitted under Cottage Food Registration. Alternative pathway (Title 4, Chapter 5A) limited to direct-to-sale locations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute; local zoning rules vary.

Relevant county code

Utah Code §4-5-501 (Cottage Food Registration); Title 4, Chapter 5A (Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act); local Davis County municipal zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Utah cottage food law (Utah Code §4-5-501) confirmed from state baseline. 'Freedom' tier state: no sales cap, broad food allowance, UDAF prohibits local health departments from restricting compliant registered operations. Davis County (Farmington/Bountiful/Layton area, north of Salt Lake City) follows state baseline. Food handler's permit required for registration. Two pathways: Cottage Food Registration (broader) or Homemade Food Act (more limited but fewer requirements). Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Davis County local zoning not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.daviscountyutah.gov>

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

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

State context — Utah cottage food law

Davis 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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