

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Iron 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

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 (Iron County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant UDAF-registered operations. Operators should check with Iron 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

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction; UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	Food handler’s permit training covers hygiene.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-only inspection authority for registered cottage food operations.
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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 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

Iron County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Iron County. Utah is a Freedom-tier state. Iron County is in southwestern Utah; Cedar City is the main population center (note: county seat is Parowan but Cedar City is larger). Local health departments explicitly excluded from jurisdiction over registered operations.

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/iron-county-discuss>

State context — Utah cottage food law

Iron 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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