

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Tooele 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 (All non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods under the Cottage Food Registration. A separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) provides an alternative pathway with fewer registration requirements but more sales restrictions. UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (UDAF registration required. UDAF explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating compliant cottage food operations. Tooele County may have local zoning home occupation requirements, but not food safety requirements. No Tooele County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection. UDAF may investigate upon complaint. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — All non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods under the Cottage Food Registration. A separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) provides an alternative pathway with fewer registration requirements but more sales restrictions. UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food handler certification required (food handler’s permit required for UDAF registration).
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection. UDAF may investigate upon complaint. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — UDAF registration required. UDAF explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating compliant cottage food operations. Tooele County may have local zoning home occupation requirements, but not food safety requirements. No Tooele County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Broad sales rights under the Cottage Food Registration: direct and indirect sales, online, farmers markets, home. Alternative Home Consumption pathway restricted to direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

### Relevant county code

Utah Code §4-5-501. No Tooele County-specific code section found.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Utah Cottage Food Registration (§4-5-501, renumbered from §4-5-9.5 in 2023 code reorganization) allows all non-TCS foods with no sales cap. Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant operations. A separate Food Freedom pathway (Title 4, Chapter 5A) is more limited but requires less registration. No Tooele County-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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/tooele-county-discuss>

## State context — Utah cottage food law

Tooele 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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