

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Utah County

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STATE BASELINE

Utah Code §4-5-501 (Cottage Food Registration, 2023 renumbering); Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) alternative pathway

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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 (Two pathways: (1) Cottage Food Registration (UDAF): requires UDAF registration and food handler’s permit; broader sales rights; commercial kitchen equipment prohibited; no sales cap. (2) Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act: no state registration needed but only direct-to-sale at farmers markets or direct locations. Non-PHF foods only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Utah County Health Department administers public health matters. City of Provo and other municipalities (Orem, Lehi, American Fork, Spanish Fork, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. Contact the applicable city’s planning/zoning department. State cottage food law explicitly prohibits local health departments from requiring additional requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations. UDAF has oversight.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food handler’s permit required under Cottage Food Registration pathway
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; no commercial equipment allowed

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	Cottage Food Registration pathway: broad sales — online, home, farmers markets, events, delivery, and retail stores within Utah. Home Consumption pathway: direct-to-consumer at direct-sale locations only. No sales cap under either pathway.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

Utah Code §4-5-501; Title 4 Chapter 5A; municipal home occupation codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Utah County follows Utah state baseline. Utah is a 'Freedom' tier state with two pathways. The UDAF explicitly prohibits local health departments from requiring commercial kitchen equipment. No sales cap. Utah County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the US (home to BYU in Provo). No Utah County-specific cottage food restriction beyond state baseline found. Municipal home occupation requirements vary by city.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.utahcounty.gov>

<https://www.utahcounty.gov/dept/planning>

<https://www.utahcounty.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/utah-county-discuss>

State context — Utah cottage food law

Utah 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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