

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Albany County

Wyoming · Laramie · FIPS 56001 · Population 38,880 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Wyo. Stat. §11-49-101 through §11-49-104 (Wyoming Food Freedom Act)

## STATE TIER

**Freedom**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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 (Wyoming Food Freedom Act (§11-49-101 et seq.) permits broad home kitchen sales statewide. Albany County has a Home Business Permit process (Section 13 of county zoning resolution); home businesses must be incidental/secondary to residential use. City of Laramie (within county) requires home occupations be conducted entirely within the dwelling, limited to 50% of floor area, no exterior advertising, no off-site employees. Producer caps: 250,000 units or \$250,000 gross revenue per year.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Albany County requires a Home Business Permit (Section 13 of the Albany County Zoning Resolution) for home-based businesses. The business must be clearly incidental and secondary to the residential/agricultural use of the property. City of Laramie additionally requires home occupations to comply with UDC §15.10.030 — conducted entirely within dwelling, up to 50% floor area, no exterior advertising, no off-site employees, no offensive noise/odors. Operators should contact Albany County Planning or City of Laramie Planning Department for current permit applications.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection under Wyoming Food Freedom Act. Home-based food operations exempt from state licensure and inspection.)

## Home kitchen rules

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**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

**HANDWASHING**

No specific state Food Freedom Act handwashing mandate.

**FOOD STORAGE**

No licensing, inspection, or packaging requirements under the Food Freedom Act for homemade foods sold to informed end consumers.

### Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Sales permitted at farmers markets, farms, ranches, producer’s homes, or any location agreed upon by producer and informed end consumer. Non-potentially hazardous foods may also be sold through third-party retailers. No interstate commerce.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No off-site employees for home occupation per Albany County and City of Laramie rules.

### Relevant county code

Albany County Zoning Resolution Section 13 (Home Business Permit); City of Laramie Unified Development Code §15.10.030 (Home Occupations, revised October 7, 2025).

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Albany County has a county zoning resolution that includes a Home Business Permit requirement. The City of Laramie (county seat) has more detailed home occupation standards in its UDC. Wyoming Food Freedom Act is the operative state law — no license, inspection, or cap for homemade foods sold within Wyoming to informed consumers. Revenue cap of \$250,000/year and production cap of 250,000 units applies.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.albanycountywyo.gov/258/Planning-Zoning>
- <https://www.albanycountywyo.gov/>
- <https://wyagric.gov/divisions/chs/food-safety/wyoming-food-freedom>
- <https://www.albanycountywyo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7780>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Albany County	Carbon County	Converse County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.	No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.	No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Wyoming Food Freedom Act (§11-49-101 et seq.) permits broad home kitchen sales statewide. Albany County has a Home Business Permit process ...	Wyoming Food Freedom Act (§11-49-101 et seq.) permits broad home kitchen sales statewide with no license, permit, or inspection required. C...	Wyoming Food Freedom Act (§11-49-101 et seq.) permits broad home kitchen sales statewide with no license, permit, or inspection required. C...
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POPULATION	38,880	15,036	13,906

## State context — Wyoming cottage food law

Albany County's rules sit on top of Wyoming's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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### STATUTE

Wyo. Stat. §11-49-101 through §11-49-104 (Wyoming Food Freedom Act)

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

### INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Wyoming's Food Freedom Act allows considerably broader indirect sales than most states. Non-potentially hazardous foods, eggs, and dairy products may be sold through third-party vendors (retail shops, grocery stores) as long as the sale complies with the Act. The third-party seller must inform consumers that the food is not certified, licensed, or inspected, and non-potentially hazardous foods must be displayed separately from licensed products with a label stating 'this food was made in a home kitchen, is not regulated or inspected and may contain allergens.' Potentially hazardous homemade foods (except eggs/dairy) must be sold by the producer or designated agent only. A 'designated agent' may also facilitate transactions including marketing, transport, storage, and delivery without taking ownership of the product.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://wyoleg.gov/NXT/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm>

State dept cottage food page: <https://wyagric.gov/divisions/chs/food-safety/wyoming-food-freedom>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/wyoming/>

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