

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Johnson County

Wyoming · Buffalo · FIPS 56019 · Population 8,872 · Crosodo Index #59\*

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 with no license, permit, or inspection required. Johnson County is a rural ranching county; no county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning regulations identified. 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?**

No (No county-specific home occupation permit identified for Johnson County. Wyoming Food Freedom Act exempts home-based food operations from licensing and permitting.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection under Wyoming Food Freedom Act.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific pet restriction in state Food Freedom Act.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific state Food Freedom Act handwashing mandate.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No licensing, inspection, or packaging requirements under the Food Freedom Act for homemade foods sold to informed end consumers.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection under Wyoming Food Freedom Act.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — No county-specific home occupation permit identified for Johnson County. Wyoming Food Freedom Act exempts home-based food operations from licensing and permitting.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	No

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	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.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance identified. Wyoming Food Freedom Act Wyo. Stat. §11-49-101 et seq. applies.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Johnson County is a rural north-central Wyoming ranching and tourism county (Buffalo is the county seat near Bighorn Mountains). No county-specific home occupation permit or cottage food zoning regulations identified. State Food Freedom Act is the operative law.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.johnsoncountyywy.gov/>

<https://wyagric.gov/divisions/chs/food-safety/wyoming-food-freedom>

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

## State context — Wyoming cottage food law

Johnson 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

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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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