

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lincoln County

Wyoming · Kemmerer · FIPS 56023 · Population 19,822 ·
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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

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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. Lincoln County includes Star Valley and is a growing rural county; no county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning regulations identified for unincorporated areas. 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 unincorporated Lincoln County. Wyoming Food Freedom Act exempts home-based food operations from licensing and permitting. Operators in Kemmerer, Afton, or other incorporated areas should check with local city/town planning departments.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

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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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	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

Lincoln County is a western Wyoming county including Star Valley and portions of the Wyoming Range. Growing county due to proximity to Jackson Hole. No county-specific home occupation permit identified. State Food Freedom Act is the operative law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lincoln County	Sublette County	Sweetwater 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	Yes	Yes	Conditional
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	Varies
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POPULATION	19,822	9,831	44,527

State context — Wyoming cottage food law

Lincoln 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.

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.

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

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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