

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Natrona County

Wyoming · Casper · FIPS 56025 · Population 79,506 ·
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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

2026-05-05

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 homemade foods including TCS (potentially hazardous) foods allowed. Non-TCS foods may be sold through third-party vendors and retail shops. TCS foods (except eggs and dairy) must be sold by the producer or designated agent directly to informed end consumers. Cannot exceed \$250,000 gross revenue or 250,000 individual products annually. Sales must occur within Wyoming (no interstate commerce).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (State Food Freedom Act (§11-49-103) exempts cottage food from state licensure, permitting, and inspection. However, Natrona County has a Home Occupation Permit requirement for home-based businesses, and the City of Casper may require zoning compliance. Producers should verify with Natrona County and City of Casper Community Development for any home occupation permit requirements. No specific cottage food exemption from local zoning found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon illness complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified in state statute. Producers responsible for food safety.

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	Sales may occur at farmers markets, farms, ranches, producer’s homes or offices, retail locations of third-party sellers (for non-TCS foods, eggs, and dairy), or any agreed location. Producer must inform end consumer that food is not certified, labeled, licensed, packaged, regulated, or inspected.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restriction specified in state Food Freedom Act.

Relevant county code

Natrona County Home Occupation Permit requirement (confirmed via third-party research); Wyoming Food Freedom Act §11-49-103.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wyoming Food Freedom Act (§11-49-101 through §11-49-104) is one of the most permissive in the nation, allowing even TCS foods from home kitchens. State law expressly exempts cottage foods from state licensure, permitting, and inspection. However, Natrona County and City of Casper have home occupation permit requirements confirmed via business licensing guide research. The City of Casper Municipal Code includes zoning/home occupation restrictions. No specific cottage food carve-out from local permitting confirmed. \$250,000 annual revenue cap and 250,000-unit production cap apply at state level. Confidence: medium (state law confirmed, local home occupation permit existence confirmed via third-party source but not directly from county .gov).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.natronacounty-wy.gov>

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

<https://law.justia.com/codes/wyoming/title-11/chapter-49/section-11-49-103/>

<https://businesslicenseguide.com/casper-wy-business-license-guide/>

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

State context — Wyoming cottage food law

Natrona 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

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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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