

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Apache County

Arizona · Saint Johns · FIPS 04001 · Population 66,054 ·
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STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932; AZ Admin Code R9-8-101.02

STATE TIER

Great

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Apache County, Arizona — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Arizona cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Arizona home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Arizona label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Food handler training course required (ANSI-accredited).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Apache County has a Community Development/Zoning department (apachecountyaz.gov). No specific county-level cottage food home occupation permit found for unincorporated areas. Contact Apache County Community Development for zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; AZ DHS may inspect upon complaint or violation concern)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Food handler training course required (ANSI-accredited).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per food handler training
FOOD STORAGE	Must comply with safe handling, processing, and storage requirements per food handler training course and AZ DHS guidance

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; AZ DHS may inspect upon complaint or violation concern
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Apache County has a Community Development/Zoning department (apachecountyaz.gov). No specific county-level cottage food home occupation permit found for unincorporated areas. Contact Apache County Community Development for zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed statewide; online sales, farmers markets, retail stores, and third-party delivery permitted. No state-imposed sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit under AZ cottage food law

Relevant county code

Apache County Zoning Ordinance — contact Community Development for applicable section

RESEARCH NOTES

Arizona has one of the most permissive cottage food laws post-2024 (HB 2042 expanded to perishables). AZ DHS registration required, renewed every 3 years; food handler cert required. Apache County is largely rural with Navajo Nation lands. County govt URL confirmed at apachecountyaz.gov. No Apache County-specific cottage food restrictions found. State preemption applies to local cottage food restrictions per AZ law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.apachecountyaz.gov>

<https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

<https://regulations.justia.com/states/arizona/title-9/chapter-8/article-1/r9-8-101-02/>

<https://www.apachecountyaz.gov/Business-Owners>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/arizona/apache-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Apache County	Navajo County	Graham County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Label must disclose that product was prepared in a home kitchen that may come in contact with common allergens and pet allergens	No specific state restriction in the statute. Standard sanitation practices apply.	Not specified at county level; state-level good manufacturing practices apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed statewide; online sales, farmers markets, retail stores, and third-party delivery permitted. No state-imp...	Sales permitted anywhere including online, in stores, and via third-party delivery (for non-dairy, non-meat products). Some counties may re...	Direct sales, online sales, and retail/wholesale indirect sales all permitted; no sales cap under Arizona law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional — check county zoning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Conditional — check with county
RESTRICTIONS	Cottage food must be prepared in the home kitchen of the registered producer. Registration with AZ DHS required, renewed every 3 years. Foo...	Arizona's expanded cottage food law (HB 2042, 2024) allows almost any type of food including perishable foods. Non-dairy, non-meat products...	Must operate from a residential kitchen. State registration with AZ DHS required. Food handler training (ADHS-approved course) required. Pr...
FOOD STORAGE	Must comply with safe handling, processing, and storage requirements per food handler training course and AZ DHS guidance	Broad range allowed including perishable foods. Prohibited: alcoholic beverages, unpasteurized milk, alcohol-containing foods, fish/shellfi...	Safe food storage practices required; no separate storage room mandated
POPULATION	66,054	107,110	38,453

State context — Arizona cottage food law

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

STATUTE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed for non-dairy/non-meat products; stores must display homemade products separately from commercially produced items; dairy and meat products must be sold directly in person (online orders allowed but must be delivered in person, not via third-party platforms).

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Arizona cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/arizona.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=36>

State dept cottage food page: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

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

Questions about Apache County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/arizona/apache-county-discuss

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