

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Maricopa County

Arizona · — · FIPS 04013 · Population 4,430,871 · Crosodo
Index #631*

STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

State baseline applies

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 (Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning applies in unincorporated areas: a Home Occupation Permit (HOP) is not required if the business has no non-resident employees, no client visits, no signage, and operations confined to 250 sq ft inside the dwelling. A HOP is required for more intensive home-based food operations (MCZO Arts. 501.2.10 & 601.2.8).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

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Conditional (Unincorporated Maricopa County requires a Home Occupation Permit under MCZO if the home business has customer visits, non-resident employees, or signage. Low-impact operations (no visitors, no signage, operations under 250 sq ft) are exempt. A Cottage Industry Special Use Permit may be required for higher-intensity operations. Cities within Maricopa County (Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, etc.) have their own zoning codes.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection for cottage food; county environmental services may be contacted for questions, but ADHS administers the program statewide.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

State baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY

State baseline applies

HANDWASHING

State baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE

State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does not affect county/municipal zoning codes. Home cannot be used as a commissary for mobile food units (A.R.S. §36-1761).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies; MCZO in unincorporated areas limits to no non-resident employees without a HOP

Relevant county code

Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance Arts. 501.2.10, 601.2.8, 1301.1.18; DD-2017-07 (minimum HOP threshold directive)

RESEARCH NOTES

Maricopa County explicitly defers to ADHS for cottage food registration. The county FAQ (May 2024) confirms that provisions in the new cottage food law (HB 2042, 2024) do not affect existing county/municipal building codes, zoning codes, or ordinances. Operators should check their specific city's zoning code. Home kitchens cannot exceed 1,000 sq ft under A.R.S. §36-931.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.maricopa.gov/2858/Planning-Development>

<https://www.maricopa.gov>

https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/93212/Cottage-food-FAQ_5-1-24

<https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32372/Home-Occupation---Minimum-Threshold---DD-2017-07-PDF>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Maricopa County	Pima County	Pinal County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does ...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. Local codes may address where food can and cannot be sold. ARS §36-931 provisions do not affect...	Arizona state preemption strong; cottage food may be sold online, in stores, via third-party delivery. However, Pinal County home occupatio...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies by city	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning app...	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...	Arizona cottage food law (A.R.S. §36-931/932) requires registration with AZ DHS (every 3 years). Food handler card required. Allows most no...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Non-TCS and some perishable foods allowed (post-HB 2042, 2024).
POPULATION	4,430,871	1,042,393	433,338

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Maricopa 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

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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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/>

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Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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LOCAL

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Reach home bakers in Maricopa County, Arizona. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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Your business here

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