

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pima County

Arizona · Tucson · FIPS 04019 · Population 1,042,393 ·
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STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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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 (Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services. Cities within Pima County (Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita) have their own cottage food and home occupation rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Unincorporated Pima County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Pima County Development Services for home-based businesses. Tucson (the dominant city) processes home occupation through PDSD as a zoning clearance plus Tucson business license — basic home occupations require no separate permit beyond the business license and self-certification to meet UDC 4.9.4 standards. Arizona TPT (Transaction Privilege Tax) license required for sales-based businesses.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under state cottage food law. Pima County Environmental Health may investigate complaints. 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	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	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 existing county/municipal zoning codes.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

Pima County Development Services Home Occupation Permit; Tucson Unified Development Code §4.9.4

RESEARCH NOTES

Pima County follows state baseline for cottage food, with ADHS administering registration. Pima County requires a Home Occupation Permit for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Tucson (the county's dominant city) has its own rules: no separate home occupation permit needed beyond business license for basic operations (self-certified compliance with UDC 4.9.4). Arizona's 2024 expansion (HB 2042) significantly broadened the cottage food program including perishable foods.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://webcms.pima.gov/health>

<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=66095>

<https://www.pima.gov>

<https://www.pima.gov/1134/Home-Occupation-Application-Permit-Proce>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/pima-county-az>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pima County	Maricopa 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	Conditional	No	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. County notes that local codes address where food can and cannot be sold; cottage food law does ...	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	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...	Maricopa County defers entirely to the Arizona Department of Health Services for cottage food registration and oversight. County zoning app...	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	1,042,393	4,430,871	433,338

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Pima 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

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