

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pinal County

Arizona · Florence · FIPS 04021 · Population 433,338 ·
Crosodo Index #2568*

STATE BASELINE

A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.

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?

Conditional (Arizona cottage food law (A.R.S. §36-931/932) requires registration with AZ DHS (every 3 years). Food handler card required. Allows most non-TCS foods and some perishable foods (expanded by HB 2042, 2024). Non-dairy, non-meat products can be sold anywhere including online. Alcoholic beverages, unpasteurized milk, and cannabis products prohibited. Pinal County requires a Home Occupation permit for home-based businesses. Per Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260, 'commercial food preparation' is specifically listed as NOT a permitted home occupation — cottage food producers should verify whether their specific operation is categorized as commercial food preparation or fits within allowed home occupation activities.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Pinal County requires a Home Occupation permit (\$38 fee) from Community Development (85 N. Florence St., Florence, AZ 85132; 520-866-6442). Home occupation must be secondary to residential use; business use ≤25% of home square footage; max 1 non-resident employee; ≤5 clients/day; no public display of products. IMPORTANT: Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 lists 'commercial food preparation' as NOT a permitted home occupation. Cottage food producers should contact Pinal County zoning at zoning.sharedmailbox@pinal.gov to confirm whether their operation qualifies. If home is within an incorporated city (Florence city limits), city rules apply instead.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine kitchen inspection required for Arizona cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement beyond standard food safety.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS and some perishable foods allowed (post-HB 2042, 2024).

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arizona state preemption strong; cottage food may be sold online, in stores, via third-party delivery. However, Pinal County home occupation restrictions may limit on-site client visits to max 5/day and 2 at a time. State registration with AZ DHS required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not more than one non-resident employee per Pinal County home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

A.R.S. §36-931/§36-932 (state cottage food); Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 (home occupations).

RESEARCH NOTES

Pinal County Home Occupation permit process confirmed from official [pinal.gov](https://www.pinal.gov) sources. Critical finding: Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 explicitly lists 'commercial food preparation' as NOT a permitted home occupation — cottage food operators should contact county zoning to determine if their operation is considered commercial food preparation or qualifies as a home occupation. Home occupation permit: \$38 fee, applied online via Citizen Access Portal or in person. If within incorporated Florence city limits, city rules apply. Arizona state cottage food registration required separately from AZ DHS.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pinal.gov>

<https://explore.pinal.gov/889/Starting-a-Home-Occupation>

<https://www.pinal.gov/DocumentCenter/View/515/Home-Occupation-Application-PDF>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pinal County	Pima County	Maricopa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Arizona state preemption strong; cottage food may be sold online, in stores, via third-party delivery. However, Pinal County home occupatio...	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 ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies by city	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	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...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS and some perishable foods allowed (post-HB 2042, 2024).	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
POPULATION	433,338	1,042,393	4,430,871

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Pinal 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/>

Questions about Pinal 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/pinal-county-discuss

Classifieds

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

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