

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Fremont County

Colorado · Canon City · FIPS 08043 · Population 49,107 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
C.R.S. §25-4-1614	Great	Tiered (see notes)	MEDIUM	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

Fremont County, Colorado — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified in state cottage food law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Colorado 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
- ☐ Colorado home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Colorado 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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Population 49,107 · State baseline: C.R.S. §25-4-1614 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH ≤4.6), jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods. Whole eggs allowed (≤250 dozen/month). Direct-to-consumer sales only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Fremont County and City of Canon City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Recommend verifying with Fremont County Planning and Zoning and City of Canon City planning department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

Food safety training required (CSU Extension \$50, or online food handler card ~\$10-15, or local health dept course).

FOOD STORAGE

Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Upon-complaint — Complaint-based inspection only. CDPHE inspection authority. Free registration required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Fremont County zoning code; City of Canon City zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado's per-product \$10,000 cap allows unlimited total revenue by offering multiple products. CDPHE free registration required. HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) is pending as of 2026 which would expand to refrigerated/meat items and remove per-product cap effective January 2027. Fremont County includes Canon City and the Royal Gorge area. Note: input state_cottage_food_url had a note about the statute_url being incorrect; correct statute is C.R.S. §25-4-1614.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fremontcounty.gov>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Fremont County	Pueblo County	El Paso County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online sales allowed within Colorado. No indirect sales through retailers or wholesale. No out-of-state ship...	Direct sales from home (limited per zoning), farmers markets, and online within Colorado.	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$10,000 per-product annual cap (no tota...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must register with CDPHE (free registration). Non-PHF foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Allowed foods: baked ...	Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap \$10,000 per...	State baseline applies. Free CDPHE registration required. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Food handler certification re...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-PHF and shelf-stable; no refrigeration required.	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.	Standard food storage; non-PHF only
POPULATION	49,107	168,135	730,323

State context — Colorado cottage food law

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

STATUTE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES

No — Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Colorado cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/colorado.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

State dept cottage food page: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

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

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Classifieds

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