

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Garfield County

Colorado · Glenwood Springs · FIPS 08045 · Population
61,683 · Crosodo Index #1729*

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

Garfield 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?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.

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

[Open the live county page →](#)

[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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed; \$10,000 annual cap per product (not per total revenue). Direct sales only. Food handler certification required (e.g., CSU Extension course or ANSI-accredited online card).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Public or private water supply meeting state standards; no specific cottage food water testing requirement at state level.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required as part of food safety practices; no separate state cottage food-specific mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint; no routine inspection required for registered cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Garfield County land use code may require a home occupation permit for commercial activity conducted from a residence. Operators should verify with Garfield County Community Development. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute; family members may assist.

Relevant county code

Garfield County Land Use and Development Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Garfield County. State baseline (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) applies. Garfield County Community Development should be consulted for home occupation permit requirements. Colorado does not preempt local zoning for cottage food operations. The \$10,000 cap is per product, not total revenue, allowing multiple product lines. Pending HB 26-1033 (Tamale Act) would expand allowed foods and remove per-product cap as of January 1, 2027 if enacted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.garfieldcounty.gov>

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

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb16-058>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Garfield County	Eagle County	Mesa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recom...	No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.	Direct-to-consumer sales only: from home, at farmers markets, fairs, events, and via internet/mail order within Colorado only. No wholesale...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous fo...	Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free reg...	Colorado requires free CDPHE registration. Food safety training required (various options: CSU Extension \$50, online food handler card ~\$10...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spi...	Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Proper storage required.
POPULATION	61,683	55,650	156,131

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Garfield 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/>

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

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