

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Summit County

Colorado · — · FIPS 08117 · Population 30,882 · Crosodo
Index #3058*

STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

True

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Yes (unincorporated Summit County);
separate rules for Breckenridge and
other towns**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

True

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint only

PETS

**No specific county rule; standard CO
cottage food applies**

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?

True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

False

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (unincorporated Summit County); separate rules for Breckenridge and other towns (Summit County Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 3 Zoning) governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. Town of Breckenridge Policy 38 (Absolute) §9-1-19-38A allows home occupations in residential districts: max 25% of main floor or 500 sq ft in garage/accessory structure, max 2 family members, no external window displays, valid town business license required. Cottage foods sold on-site (produced on-site) would qualify. Customer vehicles limited to 2 at a time in Breckenridge.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED True

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN False

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

WATER SUPPLY No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food

HANDWASHING Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance

FOOD STORAGE Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Yes (Town of Breckenridge requires business license); unincorporated county verify separately

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No window display or outside samples allowed (Breckenridge); state disclaimer placard required
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only); max 2 customer vehicles at a time (Breckenridge)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Max 2 immediate family members residing in dwelling (Breckenridge rule); state law: sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners

Relevant county code

Summit County Land Use and Development Code Ch. 3; Town of Breckenridge Land Use Code §9-1-19-38A

RESEARCH NOTES

Town of Breckenridge home occupation code (§9-1-19-38A, amended 2019) retrieved directly: max 25% floor area or 500 sq ft, 2 family members, business license required, no signs/window display, max 2 customer vehicles. Summit County unincorporated areas governed by LUDC Ch.3 (contact planning at 970-668-4200). Other towns in Summit County (Dillon, Silverthorne, Frisco, Keystone) have separate municipal codes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/public_health

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning

<https://www.summitcountyco.gov>

<https://breckenridge.town.codes/Code/9-1-19-38A>

https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning/development_regulations/land_use_development_code.php

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Summit County	Clear Creek County	Grand County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only	False	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No window display or outside samples allowed (Breckenridge); state disclaimer placard required	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only); max 2 customer vehicles at a time (Breck...	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes (unincorporated Summit County); separate rules for Breckenridge and other towns	Possibly	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes (Town of Breckenridge requires business license); unincorporated county verify separately	Possibly; City of Idaho Springs and Town of Georgetown may require local business licenses; confirm with respective municipality	Possibly; Town of Winter Park, Town of Granby may require town business licenses for operations within town limits; confirm with respective...
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	30,955	9,403	15,724

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Summit 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 Summit 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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Classifieds

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

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

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