

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Weld County

Colorado · Greeley · FIPS 08123 · Population 331,466 ·
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STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; food safety course required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct sales only; no license or inspection required

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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

Weld 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?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required

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 (Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no retail/wholesale); labeling and disclaimer placard required; HOA and local zoning must allow home-based business)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE complaint-based investigation)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no retail/wholesale); labeling and disclaimer placard required; HOA and local zoning must allow home-based business
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — CDPHE complaint-based investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Colorado state law does not preempt local zoning. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (also applicable guidance for Weld County) notes producer should confirm home-based business allowed by HOA and local zoning. Weld County unincorporated areas and municipalities (Greeley) may have home occupation permit requirements
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to restaurants or grocery stores
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Single proprietor or LLC with 2 or fewer owners; designated representative allowed

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Colorado has a per-product \$10,000 cap which is low compared to most states. No Weld County-specific overlay found. Weld County is large agricultural county with unincorporated areas and cities including Greeley.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.weldgov.com>

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

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Weld County	Boulder County	Larimer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required	No state or county-specific cottage food pet restriction found; CDPHE general guidance applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to res...	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery only; no sales to restaurants or grocery...	Colorado cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale, no retail stores). Products may be sold at farmers markets, r...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no re...	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling require...	Colorado state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) requires production in the home kitchen. Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course (e.g....
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Products must be stored properly to prevent contamination per state guidance; no county-specific overlay beyond state standards.
POPULATION	331,466	328,658	359,363

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Weld 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 Weld 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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