

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ada County

Idaho · Boise · FIPS 16001 · Population 497,494 · Crosodo Index #476*

STATE BASELINE

IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

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

Ada County, Idaho — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Idaho 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 (All non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. No wholesale/restaurant/retail sales. Direct sales within Idaho only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Idaho state cottage food law is administered through IDHW and health districts with no formal registration. State does not preempt local ordinances in general. Ada County (Boise area) unincorporated areas and City of Boise may have home occupation permit requirements. City of Boise has its own zoning code governing home occupations. Operators should check with Ada County Development Services or City of Boise Planning for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required; IDHW recommends but does not require a Food Risk Assessment Form)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — All non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. No wholesale/restaurant/retail sales. Direct sales within Idaho only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection required; IDHW recommends but does not require a Food Risk Assessment Form
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Idaho state cottage food law is administered through IDHW and health districts with no formal registration. State does not preempt local ordinances in general. Ada County (Boise area) unincorporated areas and City of Boise may have home occupation permit requirements. City of Boise has its own zoning code governing home occupations. Operators should check with Ada County Development Services or City of Boise Planning for 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 within Idaho: farmers markets, events, home. No wholesale/retail/restaurant. No annual cap. No online/interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

IDAPA 16.02.19. Local: Ada County Development Services/City of Boise zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Idaho is a Great-tier state: no registration, no inspection, no training, no sales cap. All non-PHF foods except acidified foods. Direct sales within Idaho only. Ada County (Boise) is the most populous county in Idaho. State does not preempt local ordinances. City of Boise and Ada County unincorporated areas have their own home occupation zoning rules. Specific Ada County/Boise home occupation permit requirements not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://adacounty.id.gov>

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/idaho/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ada County	Canyon County	Boise County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation expected	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Idaho: farmers markets, events, home. No wholesale/retail/restaurant. No annual cap. No online/interstate sales.	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no retail, no internet/mail order to out-of-state consumers.	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	All non-potentially hazardous foods except acidified foods. No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. No whole...	No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. All non-potentially hazardous foods allowed except acidified foods. ...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Non-TCS non-acidified shelf-stable foods; acidified foods (pickles, salsas) prohibited	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.
POPULATION	497,494	235,006	7,832

State context — Idaho cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
IDAPA 16.02.19 (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — Idaho prohibits wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only direct-to-consumer in-person sales at home, farmers markets, events, online (pickup/delivery), and roadside stands are allowed.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Idaho cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/idaho.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/160219.pdf>

State dept cottage food page: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

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

Questions about Ada 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

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