

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Adams County

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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

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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.

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 (Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed (no acidified foods such as pickles/salsas). Direct sales only to end consumers in Idaho. No wholesale, retail store, or restaurant sales permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Adams County is a very small, rural county (pop. ~4,300). Idaho counties typically require a home occupation permit or conditional use permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use, operated by a resident, with no exterior signage or commercial evidence, and limited customer traffic. Contact Adams County Clerk/Planning at (208) 253-4561 for specific county zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. Southwest District Health (serving Adams County) may investigate upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required. No additional testing requirements specified at state level.

HANDWASHING

Standard good hygiene practices expected; no specific statutory handwashing infrastructure requirement for cottage food.

FOOD STORAGE

Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; pickup at home is permitted. Customer visits that generate significant traffic may require a home occupation permit from county planning. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or internet sales allowed under state law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law. County home occupation rules typically restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Adams County Zoning Ordinance (unincorporated areas); contact Adams County for current text.

RESEARCH NOTES

Adams County is one of Idaho's least populous counties. No specific county zoning ordinance text was located. Idaho cottage food is governed by IDAPA 16.02.19; direct sales only; no acidified foods; no registration or inspection required. County-level home occupation rules presumed to follow standard Idaho rural county pattern (home occupation permit required, no exterior signage, limited traffic). Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://adamscountyidaho.net>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Adams County	Gem County	Idaho County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.
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POPULATION	4,294	18,700	16,267

State context — Idaho cottage food law

Adams 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 Adams 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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