

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hall County

Nebraska · Grand Island · FIPS 31079 · Population 62,575 ·
Crosodo Index #1592*

STATE BASELINE

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (as amended by LB262, effective July 19, 2024)

STATE TIER

Good

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

Hall County, Nebraska — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Nebraska 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 foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and delivery. LB262 (2024) also allows some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. No sales cap.)
- SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No
- PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Hall County includes Grand Island, Nebraska’s fourth-largest city. County govt URL confirmed at hallcountyne.gov. Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning at (308) 385-5041 for local home occupation requirements.)
- ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes
- INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED
Yes — Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and delivery. LB262 (2024) also allows some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required. No sales cap.
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN
No
- PET RESTRICTIONS
No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
- WATER SUPPLY
Potable water required
- HANDWASHING
Food handler certification required
- FOOD STORAGE
Non-TCS foods primarily; some TCS foods allowed under LB262 with handling requirements. Prohibited: raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, raw sprouts, infused oils, tofu/tempeh, kimchi/kombucha, low-acid canned/hermetically sealed goods.

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED
No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT
Varies — Hall County includes Grand Island, Nebraska’s fourth-largest city. County govt URL confirmed at hallcountyne.gov. Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning at (308) 385-5041 for local home occupation requirements.
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE
Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at public events, home pickup/delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores under this framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Hall County Planning & Zoning for local requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

Nebraska LB262 (2024) expanded cottage food to allow some TCS foods with additional handling requirements. Registration required; food handler cert required. Hall County (Grand Island) is a significant agricultural and meat processing hub in south-central Nebraska. County govt URL confirmed. No specific county overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hallcountyne.gov>

https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,280>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hall County	Buffalo County	Adams County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	Not specified in state cottage food law.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at public events, home pickup/delivery. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores under this framework.	Direct-to-consumer sales at public events, home pickup, and delivery. No wholesale or retail distribution.	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods from private home may be sold at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, craft shows, and other public events, via home pickup and...	Non-TCS foods plus certain TCS foods (as expanded by LB262, effective July 2024). Must register with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Fo...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods primarily; some TCS foods allowed under LB262 with handling requirements. Prohibited: raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, raw sprou...	Non-TCS products required for standard cottage food. Some TCS foods permitted with LB262 expanded framework with additional handling requir...	—
POPULATION	62,575	50,103	31,143

State context — Nebraska cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home); §81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales must be direct-to-consumer. Wholesale to restaurants, grocery stores, or distributors is not permitted under the cottage food framework. Non-TCS foods may be mailed; TCS foods must be delivered in person by the producer within 2 hours.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Nebraska cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/nebraska.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=81-2,239.05>

State dept cottage food page: https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html

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

Questions about Hall 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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