

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Webster County

Nebraska · Red Cloud · FIPS 31181 · Population 3,326 ·  
Crosodo Index #2996\*

| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| —              | Good       | —                        | MEDIUM     |               |

**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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION

—

PETS

—

### 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 →](#)

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Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

## NEBRASKA: WEBSTER COUNTY

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Population 3,326 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

**Home kitchen rules**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED  
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

**Inspection & permitting**

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION  
PERMIT —

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

**Customer-facing rules**ON-SITE CUSTOMER  
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**<https://www.webstercounty.gov>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/nebraska/webster-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/nebraska/webster-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Webster County | Adams County | Clay County                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | —              | —            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | —              | —            | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | —              | —            | Not specified in state law; good sanitation practices required                                                                                 |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | —              | —            | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | —              | —            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | —              | —            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | —              | —            | Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; no wholesale to retailers                                                                      |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | —              | No           | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | —              | —            | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | —              | —            | State law permits cottage food production from a private home kitchen. Registration required with Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Direc... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | —              | —            | Appropriate storage to maintain product safety                                                                                                 |
| POPULATION                 | 3,410          | 31,143       | 6,203                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Nebraska cottage food law

Webster 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.

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| <b>STATUTE</b><br>Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2,280 (producer of food at private home);<br>§81-2,239 et seq. (Nebraska Pure Food Act)                                                                                                                                                   | <b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b><br>—    |
| <b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b><br>Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b><br>Yes |
| <b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b><br>No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b><br>Yes |
| <b>INDIRECT SALES</b><br>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](https://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](https://nda.nebraska.gov/foods/processed_food/cottage_foods.html)

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

**Questions about Webster County?** Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

[crosodo.com/nb/nebraska/webster-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/nebraska/webster-county-discuss)

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