

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Union County

New Mexico · Clayton · FIPS 35059 · Population 3,926 ·
Crosodo Index #2957*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	Great	—	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

Union County, New Mexico — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

—

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION

—

PETS

—

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[New Mexico 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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Union County

Population 3,926 · State baseline: — · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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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 —

RESEARCH NOTES

New Mexico §25-12-5 expressly preempts county and municipal regulation of homemade food production and sales. Union County is a remote rural county in northeastern NM bordering Colorado and Oklahoma; no county-specific cottage food ordinances found. State baseline applied at high confidence. Tier corrected to Great per state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.unioncounty.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Union County	Colfax County	Harding County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—	—	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	—
POPULATION	4,074	12,370	671

State context — New Mexico cottage food law

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

STATUTE

NMSA §25-12-3 (Homemade Food Act)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales must be direct to consumers within New Mexico. Products may not be sold to restaurants, wholesalers, distributors, or outside New Mexico. Internet, mail, and phone sales directly to consumers are permitted. The NMED Food Safety Program does not have jurisdiction in Bernalillo County and Albuquerque (which have their own programs); those areas may operate mandatory or voluntary permit systems.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://laws.nmonesource.com/w/nmos/Chapter-25-NMSA-1978>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram/homemade-food-act/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-mexico/>

Questions about Union 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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