

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Utah County

Utah · Provo · FIPS 49049 · Population 666,021 · Crosodo Index #280\*

## STATE BASELINE

Utah Code §4-5-501 (Cottage Food Registration, 2023 renumbering); Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) alternative pathway

| STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
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| Freedom    | —                        | MEDIUM     | 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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**Not specified; standard sanitation applies**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Utah label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

## UTAH: UTAH COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Two pathways: (1) Cottage Food Registration (UDAF): requires UDAF registration and food handler's permit; broader sales rights; commercial kitchen equipment prohibited; no sales cap. (2) Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act: no state registration needed but only direct-to-sale at farmers markets or direct locations. Non-PHF foods only.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Utah County Health Department administers public health matters. City of Provo and other municipalities (Orem, Lehi, American Fork, Spanish Fork, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. Contact the applicable city's planning/zoning department. State cottage food law explicitly prohibits local health departments from requiring additional requirements.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Local health departments have no jurisdiction over compliant registered operations. UDAF has oversight.)

## Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Not specified; standard sanitation applies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Potable water; state baseline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HANDWASHING                | Food handler's permit required under Cottage Food Registration pathway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage; no commercial equipment allowed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**Customer-facing rules**

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Cottage Food Registration pathway: broad sales — online, home, farmers markets, events, delivery, and retail stores within Utah. Home Consumption pathway: direct-to-consumer at direct-sale locations only. No sales cap under either pathway. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Relevant county code**

Utah Code §4-5-501; Title 4 Chapter 5A; municipal home occupation codes vary

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Utah County follows Utah state baseline. Utah is a 'Freedom' tier state with two pathways. The UDAF explicitly prohibits local health departments from requiring commercial kitchen equipment. No sales cap. Utah County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the US (home to BYU in Provo). No Utah County-specific cottage food restriction beyond state baseline found. Municipal home occupation requirements vary by city.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://health.utahcounty.gov>

<https://www.utahcounty.gov/dept/planning>

<https://www.utahcounty.gov>

<https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Utah County                                                                                                                                    | Salt Lake County                                                                                                                               | Tooele County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified; standard sanitation applies                                                                                                     | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Cottage Food Registration pathway: broad sales — online, home, farmers markets, events, delivery, and retail stores within Utah. Home Consu... | Standard cottage food: products may be sold direct-to-consumer or to stores for resale, within Utah only. MEHK: food sold or provided to co... | Broad sales rights under the Cottage Food Registration: direct and indirect sales, online, farmers markets, home. Alternative Home Consumpt... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies by city                                                                                                                                 | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Two pathways: (1) Cottage Food Registration (UDAF): requires UDAF registration and food handler's permit; broader sales rights; commercial ... | Salt Lake County has its own Microenterprise Home Kitchen (MEHK) regulation (adopted by Board of Health June 6, 2024, effective October 202... | All non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods under the Cottage Food Registration. A separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage; no commercial equipment allowed                                                                                         | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         | Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.                                                                  |
| POPULATION                 | 666,021                                                                                                                                        | 1,180,643                                                                                                                                      | 74,032                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Utah cottage food law

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

### STATUTE

Utah Code §4-5-501

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

### INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Registered cottage food operations may sell through various channels. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) issues registration; local health departments do not have jurisdiction to regulate compliant cottage food operations except to investigate foodborne illness outbreaks. The state also has a separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Utah Code Title 4, Chapter 5A) that allows unregistered sales of certain homemade foods with a business license, but only at direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations with appropriate signage. Food service establishments may not use cottage food products as ingredients in food served to the public.

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

### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title4/Chapter5/4-5-S9.5.html>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

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

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