

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Nevada

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025).

STATUTE

NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025)

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IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Nevada cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 17 Nevada counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

35000

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

yes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

no — Under the pre-2025 law (NRS 446.866), sales must be in-person transactions only — no internet or phone sales. Products may not be sold to wholesalers, brokers, distributors, or retail establishments for resale. AB352 (2025) amends this to allow phone and internet transactions with delivery via mail or food delivery service, but product relinquishment must still occur in Nevada. Local rules vary significantly: Clark County (Las Vegas), Washoe County, Carson City, and Douglas County have separate health authority requirements.

RESEARCH NOTES

IMPORTANT: NRS 446.866 and the entirety of NRS Chapter 446 were repealed in 2025 (Statutes of Nevada 2025, chapters 420 and 512). The repeal was enacted by AB352 (83rd Legislature, 2025), which reorganized cottage food provisions into new NRS sections, requires a license from the State Department of Agriculture (instead of health authority registration), raises the annual sales cap to \$100,000, expands allowed food types to include acidified foods, and permits internet/phone sales with in-person or mail delivery. The \$35,000 sales cap and in-person-only requirement reflect the pre-2025 law. The excerpt provided is from the DPBH FAQ page which caches the old NRS 446.866 text. Annual sales cap shown (\$35,000) is the pre-AB352 figure; the new cap under AB352 is \$100,000. Confidence is 'medium' because the new statutory text from AB352 was not directly fetched in its final codified form. Local rules continue to vary by county.

Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 446 – Food Establishments, Section 446.866: Exemption from certain requirements; certain local governing bodies prevented from prohibiting cottage food operations; registration; fee; inspection. [Repealed 2025 – see AB352, Statutes of Nevada 2025, chapters 420 and 512]

CITATION

NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025)

ENACTED

2013

LAST AMENDED

2025

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

Allowed foods

Non-potentially-hazardous foods prepared in the kitchen of the operator's primary private home (or approved nonprofit kitchen) may be sold directly to consumers in person. Under the pre-2025 law, allowed items included baked goods, candy, jams, dried foods, and other non-TCS foods. AB352 (2025) expands the definition to include certain acidified foods and raises the sales cap to \$100,000; the new law also allows phone and internet sales with in-person or mail/delivery service fulfillment.

Prohibited foods

Potentially hazardous foods (time/temperature control for safety foods) are prohibited under the cottage food framework. Under the pre-2025 law, online and phone sales were prohibited (in-person only). The operation must be run by a natural person (not an organization). Products cannot be sold wholesale to distributors, retailers, or restaurants.

Labeling requirements

Labels must comply with federal labeling requirements (21 U.S.C. §343(w), 9 C.F.R. Part 317, 21 C.F.R. Part 101) and must prominently state: 'MADE IN A COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION.' Labels must also include the

product name, ingredient list in descending order by weight (with sub-ingredients), allergen information, and the name and physical address of the producer.

Statutory text – verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt – verbatim

NRS 446.866 Exemption from certain requirements; certain local governing bodies prevented from prohibiting cottage food operations; registration; fee; inspection. 1. A cottage food operation which manufactures or prepares a food item by any manner or means whatsoever for sale, or which offers or displays a food item for sale, is not a "food establishment" pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection 2 of NRS 446.020 if each such food item is: (a) Sold on the private property of the natural person who manufactures or prepares the food item or at a location where the natural person who manufactures or prepares the food item sells the food item directly to a consumer, including, without limitation, a farmers' market licensed pursuant to chapter 244 or 268 of NRS, flea market, swap meet, church bazaar, garage sale or craft fair, by means of an in-person transaction that does not involve selling the food item by telephone or via the Internet; (b) Sold to a natural person for his or her consumption and not for resale; (c) Affixed with a label which complies with the federal labeling requirements set forth in 21 U.S.C. §343(w) and 9 C.F.R. Part 317 and 21 C.F.R. Part 101; (d) Labeled with "MADE IN A COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION" printed prominently on the label for the food item; (e) Prepackaged in a manner that protects the food item from contamination during transport, display, sale, and acquisition by consumers; and (f) Prepared and processed in the kitchen of the private home of the natural person who manufactures or prepares the food item or, if allowed by the health authority, in the kitchen of a fraternal or social clubhouse, a school or a religious, charitable, or other nonprofit organization.

Source: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/mpd-home/cottage-food-registration-home/dta/environmental-health-cottage-food-registration-faq>

Official sources

Statute <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-446.html#NRS446Sec866>

State dept page https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

Extension service <https://extension.unr.edu/>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 17 Nevada counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 12 · FIPS 32003 · Las Vegas

Clark County

Population 2,265,926 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (current until July 2027); superseded by AB352 effective July 2027 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Clark County cottage food operations are registered with the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), which is the current registering authority through July 2027. AB352 (2025) shifts regulation to the Nevada Department of Agriculture starting July 2027, raises the annual cap to \$100,000, expands allowed foods to include acidified foods, and permits internet/phone sales with in-person or mail delivery. Until July 2027, the current NRS 446.866 framework applies: \$35,000 annual cap, in-person sales only, natural persons only.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS state baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY state baseline applies

HANDWASHING state baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection; SNHD registration does not include kitchen inspection. SNHD may investigate complaints. Cottage food operations are excluded from the definition of 'food establishment' under NRS 446.020.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — SNHD FAQ advises operators to check with local business license jurisdictions (Clark County, City of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Mesquite, Boulder City) for any business license requirements. No specific county-level home occupation permit requirement identified for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Current law (through July 2027): direct person-to-person sales only; no internet/phone sales; no wholesale or consignment. AB352 (eff. July 2027) will allow internet/phone sales with in-person or mail delivery. Partners and employees not permitted under current law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	None permitted under current NRS 446.866 (natural person only); AB352 framework TBD

Relevant county code

NRS §446.866 (current); AB352 (2025 Nevada Legislature, eff. July 2027)

RESEARCH NOTES

Clark County is unique: SNHD serves as the registering authority for the entire county, unlike most states where health is at state or city level. SNHD registration does not expire if it remains accurate. Current (pre-July 2027) law caps gross annual sales at \$35,000 and requires in-person sales only. AB352 (2025) will substantially expand the program starting July 2027. Operators wishing to sell in Clark County but living outside Clark County must also register with SNHD.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org>

<https://www.clarkcountynv.gov>

<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/permits-and-regulations/cottage-food-operations/>

<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/permits-and-regulations/cottage-food-operations/cottage-food-faq/>

Washoe County

Population 486,674 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods on approved list only. Must be prepared in private residence of registered individual. No groups/partnerships allowed. Registration with Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) required for Washoe County. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general kitchen sanitation required
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement; kitchen must be in private residence
HANDWASHING	Implied by general sanitation; no specific separate provision
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must be labeled

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No health permit required; registration with NNPH for Washoe County. Complaint-based only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) FAQ explicitly states a Business License is required: Washoe County (775-328-3733), City of Reno (775-334-2090), City of Sparks (775-353-2360). Contact respective business license department. The NNPH FAQ also notes registration with the local jurisdiction is required to sell in Washoe County. State registration only applies to counties covered by the guide; must register with NNPH for Washoe County.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES In-person/direct sales only. No online sales, no phone sales, no shipping. Allowed venues: home, roadside stand on own property, flea markets, swap meets, church bazaars, garage sales, craft fairs, farmers markets. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. \$35,000 annual cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Individual operation only; groups not permitted

Relevant county code

NRS Chapter 446 (superseded 2025 by AB352). Northern Nevada Public Health registration. Local business license required.

RESEARCH NOTES

Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) official FAQ page retrieved from nnph.org. Explicitly states business license required from Washoe County (775-328-3733), City of Reno, or City of Sparks. Registration with NNPH required for Washoe County (not state registration). No online/mail/phone sales — in-person only. \$35,000 annual cap. DPBH Cottage Food Guide 2023 also confirms NNPH coverage of Washoe County. Nevada AB352 (2025) reorganized NRS Chapter 446; fundamental cottage food rules maintained. No health permit required, but NNPH registration and local business license are required. Confidence high: official NNPH source directly retrieved with specific contact numbers.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.washoecounty.gov>

<https://www.nnph.org/faq/cottage-food/index.php>

<https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/siteassets/regulatory/environmental-health/cottage-food/cottage-foods-guide-2023-branded.pdf>

RANK 873 · FIPS 32019 · Yerington

Lyon County

Population 59,435 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025); superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Nevada AB352 (2025) reorganized cottage food. New law: license from State Department of Agriculture required; \$100,000 annual sales cap (up from \$35,000); acidified foods now allowed; internet/phone sales with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment now allowed. Permitted from operator's primary private home kitchen.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction stated in state cottage food rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, non-TCS foods required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspection specified under Nevada cottage food law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lyon County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with the Lyon County Planning Department. Local rules may vary by county under Nevada's pre-AB352 framework.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under AB352 (2025): in-person sales, phone/internet orders with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment allowed. No wholesale to distributors, retailers, or restaurants. Must be operated by a natural person.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; must be operated by a natural person.

Relevant county code

Lyon County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

IMPORTANT: NRS Chapter 446 was repealed in 2025 by AB352. New law requires a State Dept. of Agriculture license, raises cap to \$100,000, expands to acidified foods, and allows internet/phone sales. The old \$35,000 cap and in-person-only requirement no longer apply. Lyon County is in the Mason Valley area of western Nevada. Local rules should be verified as Nevada historically allowed county-level variation.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/AB/AB352_EN.pdf

RANK 888 · FIPS 32510 · —

Carson City

Population 58,249 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025); superseded by AB352/chapter 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Nevada AB352 (2025) reorganized cottage food. New law: license from State Department of Agriculture required; \$100,000 annual sales cap; acidified foods now allowed; internet/phone sales with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment now allowed. Carson City is an independent city/consolidated municipality — operators should verify with Carson City's own planning and health authorities.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction stated in state cottage food rules.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, non-TCS foods required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspection specified under Nevada cottage food law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carson City is an independent consolidated municipality. Operators should contact Carson City's Community Development Department for home occupation or business license requirements. Carson City has its own local regulatory framework.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Under AB352 (2025): in-person sales, phone/internet orders with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment allowed. No wholesale to distributors, retailers, or restaurants.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified; must be operated by a natural person.

Relevant county code

Carson City Municipal Code (home occupation/business license provisions); no specific cottage food local code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Carson City is Nevada's state capital and an independent consolidated city-county. NRS Chapter 446 was repealed in 2025 by AB352. New law requires State Dept. of Agriculture license, \$100,000 cap, expands to acidified foods, allows internet/phone sales. As a consolidated municipality, Carson City has its own planning and zoning authority separate from county government structures. Operators should verify with Carson City directly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/AB/AB352_EN.pdf

RANK 934 · FIPS 32007 · Elko

Elko County

Population 53,600 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025); superseded by AB352/chapters 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025 (cap raised to \$100,000) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Under pre-2025 law: non-potentially hazardous foods, \$35,000 annual cap, in-person sales only, DPBH registration required (Elko is in DPBH jurisdiction). Under new AB352 (2025): \$100,000 annual cap, acidified foods allowed, internet/phone sales permitted with delivery/mail fulfillment, license required from State Dept. of Agriculture instead of health authority. DPBH handles Elko County registrations under old framework; check new SDA framework status.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific NV state or Elko County restriction; production must be by the individual in private home (groups not permitted).
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; production in private home.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only (under old law). Allowed: nuts/nut mixes, hard candies, candies made with commercial chocolate, jams/jellies/preserves, vinegar (with restrictions), dry herbs, dried fruits, cereals/trail mixes/granola, non-TCS baked goods (no cream/custard/meringue/cream cheese/low-sugar frostings).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections; DPBH or SDA may investigate on complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — State registration required with DPBH (Elko County is in DPBH jurisdiction for cottage food). Online registration at nvdpbh.aithent.com . Nevada State Business License also required. A Home Occupation Permit or Special Use Permit may be required for home-based businesses in City of Elko or Elko County — contact City Clerk for requirements and fees. Additional county business license requirements vary; check with county officials.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under old law: in-person sales only at private home, farmers markets, flea markets, swap meets, church bazaars, garage sales, craft fairs. Under AB352 (2025): internet/phone sales with delivery or mail fulfillment permitted. No sales to restaurants, stores, or wholesalers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Groups/organizations not permitted; must be individual producer only.

Relevant county code

NRS §446.866 (pre-2025); AB352/2025 Nevada Statutes; DPBH Cottage Foods Guide for Elko County; Nevada SBDC Elko County Licensing Guide

RESEARCH NOTES

Elko County is specifically named in DPBH cottage food jurisdiction (along with Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Storey, White Pine). State registration required at nvdpbh.aithent.com. Nevada SB 206 (2013) established the original program. NRS 446.866 was repealed by AB352 (2025) which reorganizes cottage food under the State Dept. of Agriculture, raises cap to \$100,000, expands to acidified foods, and allows internet/phone orders. Nevada SBDC confirms Home Occupation Permit or Special Use Permit required for home-based businesses in City of Elko. State Business License required (\$200 annual). County business license requirements vary by city. Good documented sources for both state and county-level requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://dpbh.nv.gov/reg/cottage/cottage_food_registration_-_home/

https://dpbh.nv.gov/reg/cottage/cottage_food_registration_-_home/

<https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/siteassets/regulatory/environmental-health/cottage-food/cottage-foods-guide-2023-branded.pdf>

<https://nevadasbdc.org/elko-county-licensing-and-permits/>

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

RANK 963 · FIPS 32023 · Tonopah

Nye County

Population 51,698 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapters 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must be primary private home kitchen. Under new AB352 (2025): license from State Department of Agriculture required, annual sales cap raised to \$100,000, acidified foods now permitted, internet/phone sales with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment now allowed. Products must be non-TCS (or acidified under new law). Operation must be run by a natural person.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; not explicitly required beyond residential kitchen standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous or acidified; no TCS foods without additional licensing.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspection under cottage food framework. State licensing registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Nye County is largely unincorporated and rural. Local zoning may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. Tonopah Township and other unincorporated areas have varying requirements. Recommend verifying with Nye County Planning and Community Development.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Under AB352 (2025): in-person and mail/delivery sales allowed. Direct-to-consumer sales required; no wholesale to distributors, retailers, or restaurants.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

NRS §446.866 (repealed); AB352 (2025 Statutes of Nevada, chapters 420 & 512); Nye County Zoning Code

RESEARCH NOTES

Nevada's cottage food law underwent major changes in 2025 (AB352). The old NRS §446.866 was repealed; new provisions require a State Department of Agriculture license (replacing prior health authority registration), raise the annual cap to \$100,000, expand allowed foods to include acidified items, and permit internet/phone sales. Nye County is the largest county by area in the contiguous US; most areas unincorporated. No Nye County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Note: confidence is medium because the new 2025 statutory text was not directly retrieved in final codified form.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-446.html#NRS446Sec866>

RANK 993 · FIPS 32005 · Minden

Douglas County

Population 49,476 · State baseline: NRS §446.866 (repealed 2025; superseded by AB352/chapters 420 & 512, Statutes of Nevada 2025) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Must be primary private home kitchen. Under new AB352 (2025): license from State Department of Agriculture required, annual sales cap raised to \$100,000, acidified foods now permitted, internet/phone sales with in-person or mail/delivery fulfillment now allowed. Products must be non-TCS (or acidified). Operation must be run by a natural person.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Not specified in state law.

WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; not explicitly required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous or acidified; no TCS foods without additional licensing.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspection. State licensing/registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Douglas County is in the Carson Valley/Lake Tahoe area. Douglas County may require home occupation permits. City of Minden and Gardnerville are adjacent unincorporated communities. Recommend verifying with Douglas County Community Development and Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under AB352 (2025): in-person and mail/delivery sales allowed. Direct-to-consumer required; no wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

NRS §446.866 (repealed); AB352 (2025); Douglas County Zoning Code

RESEARCH NOTES

Nevada's cottage food law underwent major changes in 2025 (AB352). Douglas County is a small, affluent county in the Carson Valley near South Lake Tahoe and Carson City. No Douglas County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Note: confidence is medium because new AB352 statutory text not directly retrieved in final codified form.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/CottageFood/Cottage_Food_Operations/

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-446.html#NRS446Sec866>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32001 · Fallon

Churchill County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Churchill County cottage food operations are registered through and regulated by the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), which covers Churchill, City of Fallon, Pershing, Mineral, and Eureka counties. CNHD registration form (Dec 2023) confirms \$35,000 annual cap, direct-to-consumer only, no internet/phone sales. A state NV business license is required; Churchill County may have its own business license requirement. The pre-2025 NRS 446.866 framework is reflected here; AB352 (2025) raised the cap to \$100,000 and may expand sales channels but the new codified text was not directly verified. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32009 · Goldfield

Esmeralda County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Esmeralda County is one of the least-populous counties in the US. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or a designated local health authority. No Esmeralda County-specific cottage food ordinances found. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition and sparse local information.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32011 · Eureka

Eureka County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Eureka County cottage food registration is handled through the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), which explicitly covers Eureka County per the CNHD guide (contact: 775-254-0305). CNHD confirms \$35,000 annual cap, direct-to-consumer only, no internet/phone sales. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32013 · Winnemucca

Humboldt County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Humboldt County cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or designated local health authority. No Humboldt County-specific cottage food ordinances found beyond state law. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32015 · Battle Mountain

Lander County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Lander County is a sparsely populated mining and ranching county. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or designated local health authority. No Lander County-specific cottage food ordinances found beyond state law. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32017 · Pioche

Lincoln County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Lincoln County is a remote rural county in southeastern Nevada. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or designated local health authority. No Lincoln County NV-specific cottage food ordinances found beyond state law. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32021 · Hawthorne

Mineral County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Mineral County cottage food registration is handled through the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), which explicitly covers Mineral County per CNHD guide (contact: 775-258-0145). CNHD confirms \$35,000 annual cap, direct-to-consumer only, no internet/phone sales. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32027 · Lovelock

Pershing County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Pershing County cottage food registration is handled through the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), which explicitly covers Pershing County per CNHD guide (contact: 775-273-6285). CNHD confirms \$35,000 annual cap, direct-to-consumer only, no internet/phone sales. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32029 · Virginia City

Storey County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

Storey County is the smallest county by area in Nevada; Virginia City is a historic tourist destination. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or designated local health authority. Storey County has a unique mixed-use industrial/residential zoning environment (Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center); home occupation cottage food rules in residential zones follow state framework. No county-specific cottage food ordinances restricting the state framework found. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 32033 · Ely

White Pine County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

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

White Pine County is a large remote county in eastern Nevada. Cottage food registration is handled through the Nevada DPBH or designated local health authority. No White Pine County-specific cottage food ordinances found beyond state law. State NV business license required; county business license requirements vary. Medium confidence due to 2025 statutory changes in transition.

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