

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

North Dakota

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02.

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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 North Dakota 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 53 North Dakota counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

no

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

yes

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

no — Transactions must be directly between the cottage food operator and the 'informed end consumer' and solely for home consumption. Products may not be sold or used in any food establishment, food processing plant, or food store. No wholesale channel is permitted.

RESEARCH NOTES

The original statute_url pointed to Chapter 23-09 (Food and Lodging Establishments), which does not contain the cottage food law. The correct PDF is Chapter 23-09.5. The statute was enacted in 2019 (SB 2269, 66th Legislative Assembly). The ndhealth.gov cottage food page returned HTTP 403 but the statute PDF was fully accessible and verbatim text was extracted. ND's law is among the most permissive in the nation: no cap, no registration, no inspection, no labeling (except a disclosure statement), and the product definition is broad. The statute reference in the input (§23-09-21) appears to be incorrect; the cottage food chapter is 23-09.5.

North Dakota Century Code Chapter 23-09.5, Cottage Food Production and Sales

CITATION

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through
§23-09.5-02

ENACTED

2019

LAST AMENDED

2019

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Baked goods, jams, jellies, and 'other food and drink products' are broadly allowed — the definition of cottage food product is intentionally open-ended. Sales may occur at farms, ranches, farmers markets, farm stands, home-based kitchens, any other non-prohibited venue, or through delivery.

Prohibited foods

Uninspected meat products are prohibited (with a limited exception for home-slaughtered poultry under 1,000 birds per year). Cottage food products may not be sold or used in any food establishment, food processing plant, or food store (except whole unprocessed fruits and vegetables). Interstate sales of poultry products are prohibited.

Labeling requirements

No formal labeling is required for non-refrigerated products, but the operator must inform the consumer verbally or in writing that the product is not certified, labeled, licensed, packaged, regulated, or inspected. Refrigerated items (cream-filled baked goods, cheesecake, pumpkin pie, cream cheese items) must carry safe handling instructions and a statement that the product was transported and maintained frozen. All products must have either a sign at point of sale or a label stating: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.'

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

CHAPTER 23-09.5 COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION AND SALES 23-09.5-01. Definitions. As used in this chapter: 1. "Cottage food operator" means an individual who produces or packages cottage food products in a kitchen designed and intended for use by the residents of a private home. 2. "Cottage food product" means baked goods, jams, jellies, and other food and drink products produced by a cottage food operator. 3. "Delivery" means the transfer of a cottage food product resulting from a transaction between a cottage food operator and an informed end consumer. 4. "Farmers market" means a market or group of booths where farmers and other cottage food operators sell cottage food products directly to consumers. 5. "Home consumption" means food consumed within a private home or food from a private home consumed only by family members, employees, or nonpaying guests. 6. "Informed end consumer" means an individual who is the last individual to purchase a cottage food product and has been informed the cottage food product is not licensed, regulated, or inspected. 23-09.5-02. Direct producer to consumer sales of cottage food products. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state agency or political subdivision may not require licensure, permitting, certification, inspection, packaging, or labeling that pertains to the preparation or sale of cottage food products under this section.

Source: <https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

Official sources

Statute <https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

State dept page <https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

Extension service <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension>

Forrager.com <https://forrager.com/law/north-dakota/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Department of 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 53 North Dakota counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 356 · FIPS 38017 · Fargo

Cass County

Population 186,328 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must be labeled with consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. However, local zoning (Fargo municipal code) may require a home occupation permit for any home-based business. Cass County has not been verified to have a specific cottage food ordinance beyond state law. Fargo city allows home-based businesses under home occupation permits with few restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02; Fargo municipal code (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

ND statute text directly retrieved from ndlegis.gov confirming no cap, no registration, no inspection, and prohibition on local licensing requirements for cottage food. Fargo/Cass County has no specific cottage food ordinance beyond state law per CityRuleLookup (still researching). Fargo municipal code allows home-based businesses under home occupation permits with few restrictions. ND is among the most permissive cottage food states in the nation.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.casscountynd.gov>

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/cass-county-nd>

RANK 610 · FIPS 38015 · Bismarck

Burleigh County

Population 98,443 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — North Dakota cottage food law (NDCC §23-09.5) is among the most permissive in the nation: no cap, no registration, no inspection, no training required. Allowed: baked goods, jams, jellies, and broadly 'other food and drink products.' Sales allowed at farms, ranches, farmers markets, farm stands, home-based kitchens, and via delivery. Must include a disclosure statement on label.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under North Dakota cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement; good practices recommended.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No state inspection authority for cottage food operations under NDCC §23-09.5.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Burleigh County (county seat Bismarck) may have local home occupation zoning requirements. North Dakota does not preempt local zoning for cottage food. Operators in Bismarck should check city zoning for home-based business rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales via any channel including delivery, home sales, farmers markets. No internet/mail order restriction stated. Sales to food establishments, food processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in North Dakota cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Burleigh County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Burleigh County website provided (burleighco.com). No county-specific cottage food rules found. North Dakota's cottage food law enacted 2019 (SB 2269) is notably permissive with an open-ended product definition. Bismarck is the state capital; city business license rules may apply. The ndhealth.gov cottage food URL returned 403 during research; statute PDF (t23c09-5.pdf) was the primary source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.burleighco.com>

<https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

RANK 748 · FIPS 38035 · Grand Forks

Grand Forks County

Population 72,927 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Broad product definition: baked goods, jams, jellies, and 'other food and drink products'. No sales cap. Must sell directly to informed end consumer. May not sell to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores (except whole unprocessed fruits and vegetables).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state statute.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products requiring refrigeration must be labeled with safe handling instructions and disclosure statement indicating frozen transport/maintenance.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State law (§23-09.5-02(1)) prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, certification, inspection, packaging, or labeling for cottage foods. ND HHS or local authority may investigate upon illness complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — ND Century Code §23-09.5-02(1) expressly prohibits state and local governments from requiring licensure, permitting, certification, or inspection for cottage food operations. No local home occupation permit may be required. Grand Forks County county government URL confirmed in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, any non-prohibited venue, or through delivery. Direct producer-to-informed-end-consumer transactions only. Consumer must be informed product is not certified, labeled, licensed, packaged, regulated, or inspected.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02. Local restrictions expressly preempted.

RESEARCH NOTES

North Dakota Cottage Foods Act (N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5) expressly prohibits state and local governments from requiring any licensure, permitting, certification, or inspection for cottage food operations. This is among the most permissive frameworks in the nation. State statute text directly retrieved. County government URL confirmed in input. First District Health Unit (fdhu.org) serves Grand Forks County and confirmed the ND rules. No local restrictions possible. Confidence: high (statute directly retrieved, state law confirmed, preemption of local rules confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.gfcounty.nd.gov>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://fdhu.org/environmental-health-division/cottage-foods/>

RANK 768 · FIPS 38101 · Minot

Ward County

Population 69,532 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no indirect sales. Non-TCS foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Ward County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Minot has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no indirect/wholesale sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

North Dakota Freedom-tier state. Ward County contains Minot, a regional center. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38001 · Hettinger

Adams County

Population 2,198 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Adams County is a very small, rural county with limited zoning. Standard home occupation general zoning rules may apply to home-based businesses generally, but cottage food is statutorily preempted from local permitting.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law is among the most permissive in the nation: no cap, no registration, no inspection, and local governments are expressly prohibited from requiring permits for cottage food. Adams County is very rural (pop. ~2,198) with minimal zoning infrastructure. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38003 · Valley City

Barnes County

Population 10,415 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Barnes County general zoning home occupation rules may apply to home-based businesses broadly, but cottage food sales are preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Barnes County is a rural eastern ND county (pop. ~10,415). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38005 · Minnewaukan

Benson County

Population 6,894 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Benson County is a rural county with Spirit Lake Nation tribal land. General zoning home occupation rules may apply broadly, but cottage food is preempted from local permitting.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Benson County is a rural north-central ND county that includes parts of the Spirit Lake Nation. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38007 · Medora

Billings County

Population 928 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Billings County is the least populated county in ND (~928 residents). Minimal local zoning infrastructure. State baseline fully applies.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Billings County is the least populated county in North Dakota (~928 people); includes Theodore Roosevelt National Park. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38009 · Bottineau

Bottineau County

Population 6,282 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No state restriction specified.

WATER SUPPLY No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.

HANDWASHING No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Bottineau County is a rural northern ND county bordering Canada. General home occupation zoning may apply to home businesses generally, but cottage food is preempted from local permitting.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Bottineau County is a rural north-central ND county on the Canadian border. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38011 · Bowman

Bowman County

Population 3,126 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Bowman County is a small rural county in southwestern ND. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Bowman County is a small rural southwestern ND county on the South Dakota border. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38013 · Bowbells

Burke County

Population 2,126 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Burke County is a very small rural county in northwestern ND. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Burke County is a very small rural northwestern ND county near the Montana border (pop. ~2,126). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38019 · Langdon

Cavalier County

Population 3,824 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Cavalier County is a rural northeastern ND county bordering Canada. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Cavalier County is a rural northeastern ND county on the Canadian border. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38021 · Ellendale

Dickey County

Population 4,970 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No state restriction specified.

WATER SUPPLY No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.

HANDWASHING No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Dickey County is a rural south-central ND county. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Dickey County is a rural south-central ND county on the South Dakota border. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38023 · Crosby

Divide County

Population 2,071 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Divide County is a small rural county in far northwestern ND bordering Montana and Canada. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Divide County is in the far northwestern corner of ND, bordering Montana and Canada. Very small population (~2,071). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38025 · Manning

Dunn County

Population 4,380 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No state restriction specified.

WATER SUPPLY No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.

HANDWASHING No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Dunn County is a rural west-central ND county in the oil patch region. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Dunn County is a rural west-central ND county in the Bakken oil region. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38027 · New Rockford

Eddy County

Population 2,313 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Eddy County is a small rural central ND county. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Eddy County is a small rural central ND county. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38029 · Linton

Emmons County

Population 3,452 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Emmons County is a small rural south-central ND county on the Missouri River. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Emmons County is a rural south-central ND county. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38031 · Carrington

Foster County

Population 3,207 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state restriction specified.
WATER SUPPLY	No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.
HANDWASHING	No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Foster County is a small rural central ND county. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Foster County is a small rural central ND county. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38033 · Beach

Golden Valley County

Population 1,830 · State baseline: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include consumer advisory: 'This product is made in a home kitchen that is not inspected by the state or local health department.' Sales to food establishments, processing plants, or food stores prohibited.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No state restriction specified.

WATER SUPPLY No explicit state requirement beyond potable water.

HANDWASHING No state-mandated specific requirement for cottage food; standard hygiene practices expected.

FOOD STORAGE No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — State may investigate complaints related to foodborne illness. No routine inspections.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — ND statute (§23-09.5-02(1)) expressly prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, or certification for cottage food. Golden Valley County is a small rural southwestern ND county near Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Cottage food is preempted from local permitting requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct producer-to-consumer transactions only.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

RESEARCH NOTES

ND state law preempts local cottage food permitting. Golden Valley County is a small rural southwestern ND county near Theodore Roosevelt National Park (pop. ~1,830). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38037 · Carson

Grant 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Grant County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38039 · Cooperstown

Griggs 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Griggs County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38041 · Mott

Hettinger 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 no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Hettinger County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38043 · Steele

Kidder 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 no
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Kidder County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38045 · LaMoure

LaMoure 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 no
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

LaMoure County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38047 · Napoleon

Logan 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 no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Logan County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38049 · Towner

McHenry 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 no

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

McHenry County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38051 · Ashley

McIntosh 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

McIntosh County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38053 · Watford City

McKenzie 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	check_local
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

McKenzie County is a rural North Dakota county. McKenzie County has a Land Development Ordinance (updated 2025). Home occupation provisions exist but no specific cottage food restrictions beyond state law found. State law governs. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38055 · Washburn

McLean 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

McLean County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38057 · Stanton

Mercer 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Mercer County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38059 · Mandan

Morton 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	check_local
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Morton County is a rural North Dakota county. Morton County has a Land Use Code administered by the Planning and Zoning Department. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state law. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38061 · Stanley

Mountrail 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Mountrail County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38063 · Lakota

Nelson 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Nelson County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38065 · Center

Oliver 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Oliver County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38067 · Cavalier

Pembina 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Pembina County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38069 · Rugby

Pierce 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Pierce County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38071 · Devils Lake

Ramsey 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Ramsey County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38073 · Lisbon

Ransom 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Ransom County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38075 · Mohall

Renville 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Renville County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38077 · Wahpeton

Richland 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Richland County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38079 · Rolla

Rolette 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Rolette County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38081 · Forman

Sargent 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Sargent County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38083 · McClusky

Sheridan 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Sheridan County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38085 · Fort Yates

Sioux 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Sioux County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38087 · Amidon

Slope 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Slope County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38089 · Dickinson

Stark 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Stark County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38091 · Finley

Steele 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Steele County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38093 · Jamestown

Stutsman 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Stutsman County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38095 · Cando

Towner 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Towner County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38097 · Hillsboro

Trail 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Traill County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38099 · Grafton

Walsh 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

Walsh County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38103 · Fessenden

Wells 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	no
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Wells County is a rural North Dakota county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation zoning ordinance was identified for the unincorporated county area. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 38105 · Williston

Williams 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 check_local
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Williams County is a rural North Dakota county. Williams County has Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations on file. No specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state law. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

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