

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Santa Cruz County, Arizona?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

True

BUSINESS LICENSE

True

SALES CAP

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ARIZONA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Arizona permits PDF](#)[Arizona cottage food law page](#)[Arizona Department of Health Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Santa Cruz County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Santa Cruz County, Arizona. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

True

LOCAL HEALTH

False

BUSINESS LICENSE

True

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

True

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Arizona permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/arizona.pdf>

Arizona cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/arizona>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/arizona/santa-cruz-county>

Santa Cruz County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/arizona/santa-cruz-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Arizona registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Retail and wholesale sales are allowed for non-dairy/non-meat products; stores must display homemade products separately from commercially produced items; dairy and meat products must be sold directly in person (online orders allowed but must be delivered in person, not via third-party platforms).

Arizona permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/arizona.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/arizona

Arizona Department of Health Services: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

Statute: [A.R.S. §36-931](#) / [§36-932](#)

Zoning / home occupation

True. Santa Cruz County requires a Home Occupation Permit (Conditional Use Permit) for home-based businesses operating in unincorporated areas. City of Nogales additionally requires a business license (\$35 initial + \$35 annual) for businesses operating within city limits. Contact Santa Cruz County Planning Department for zoning compliance.

Planning: <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/157/Planning-Zoning>

Health

False. Complaint-based only per state law

Health: <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/187/Environmental-Health>

Business license

True

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; delivery and pickup permitted per AZ state law

If you rent a commissary kitchen

County health permits food establishments. Arizona cottage food is a separate home path. A rented kitchen is a food establishment under the county health department that issues retail food permits.

Official source: [ADHS food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/187/Environmental-Health>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/187/Environmental-Health>

<https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/157/Planning-Zoning>

<https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov>

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/cottage-food-program/index.php>

<https://www.nogalesaz.gov/188/Business-License-Information>

Santa Cruz County and nearby places

Regulation	Santa Cruz County	Cochise County	Pima County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county overlay; state food safety standards apply. Food preparation areas should be clean and free from contamination.	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Limited; home occupation rules typically restrict commercial signage	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; delivery and pickup permitted per AZ state law	Customer pickup and delivery/pickup of supplies allowed 8 AM–7 PM per home occupation standards. No semi-tractor trailers for delivery/pick...	State law allows direct and indirect sales. Local codes may address where food can and cannot be sold. ARS §36-931 provisions do not affect...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	True	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	True	Varies	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	—	Arizona state law allows cottage food production from a registered home kitchen. Cochise County follows state baseline. Registration with A...	Pima County follows ADHS for cottage food registration. In unincorporated areas, home occupations are allowed as accessory use with a Home ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per AZ DHS cottage food program	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per standard food safety practices. Perishable ingredients refrigerated appropriately.	State baseline applies
POPULATION	47,838	125,504	1,042,393

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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