

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lincoln County, Colorado?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly

Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo

SALES CAP

Tiered

COLORADO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Colorado permits PDF](#)[Colorado cottage food law page](#)[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment cottage food program](#)[Statute: C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Lincoln County, Colorado. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT**Yes****ANNUAL SALES CAP****Tiered****HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING****Possibly****LOCAL HEALTH****False****BUSINESS LICENSE****Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo****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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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Colorado registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

Colorado permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/colorado

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Statute: [C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Possibly. Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lincoln County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Lincoln County whether any home occupation permit is required.

Planning: <https://www.lincolncountyco.us/planning>

Health

False. Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Health: <https://www.lincolncountyco.us/public-health>

Business license

Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Retail food licenses are local. Colorado cottage foods cannot be sold in a retail food establishment as an approved source. A commissary is a retail food establishment licensed by the local public health agency.

Official source: [CDPHE retail food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.lincolncountyco.us/public-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.lincolncountyco.us/public-health>

<https://www.lincolncountyco.us/planning>

<https://www.lincolncountyco.us>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

Lincoln County and nearby places

Regulation	Lincoln County	Crowley County	Washington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	False	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly	Possibly	Likely; verify with Washington County Planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo	Unlikely; very rural county with minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with Crowley County or Town of Ordway	Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found
POPULATION	5,583	5,782	4,817

More pages for this place

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

Colorado permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf

Colorado cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/colorado

Lincoln County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/colorado/lincoln-county