

# Cottage Foods vs. Craft Foods: What's the Difference?

In Washoe County, Cottage Foods must be registered with Northern Nevada Public Health and Craft Foods must be registered with the Nevada Department of Agriculture. How do you know what category your business falls into?

Use the table below to learn more about the differences between Cottage Foods and Craft Foods:

Comparison	COTTAGE FOOD	CRAFT FOOD
Producer must register with a regulating agency <u>before</u> producing or selling any products	✓	✓
Products can be prepared in a private home	✓	✓
Products must be labeled with the product name, net quantity, ingredient list with major allergens, and facility name and address	✓	✓
Labels must include a statement that the preparing facility has not been inspected for food safety	✓	✓
Products cannot include foods that require refrigeration for safety, such as cream, uncooked egg, custard, meringue, or cream cheese frosting.	✓	✓
Products must be acidified so that the final pH is less than 4.6	✗	✓
Products must be shelf-stable	✓	✓
Every batch of food product must be pH tested	✗	✓
Products must be made using a recipe approved by a process authority	✗	✓
Products must be sold directly from the producer to the consumer	✓	✓
Gross sales from the operation cannot exceed \$35,000 per year	✓	✓
Producer must demonstrate food safety knowledge by passing a test prior to operating	✗	✓

Looking for more information? Access additional guidance by clicking the links or scanning the codes below:

[Northern Nevada Public Health](#)  
[Cottage Foods Frequently Asked Questions](#)



[Nevada Department of Agriculture](#)  
[Craft Foods Operations](#)



Talk to an inspector by contacting Northern Nevada Public Health Environmental Health Services (EHS):

- Call the EHS front desk at 775-328-2434, option #8
- Visit the [Food Safety Services website](#)
- Email the EHS Food Safety Services program at [foodsafety@NNPH.org](mailto:foodsafety@NNPH.org)

