

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Barton County

Kansas · Great Bend · FIPS 20009 · Population 24,835 ·
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| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
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| K.S.A. §65-657 | Great | — | MEDIUM | 2026-05-06 |

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)). No registration, inspection, or food handler certificate required at state level. Local zoning home occupation rules may apply — contact Barton County zoning office.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level food permit required for non-TCS cottage foods. Local zoning ordinances for home occupations may require a permit. Contact Barton County zoning or planning office (Great Bend) to verify requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Kansas Department of Agriculture may investigate complaints; no routine home kitchen inspection for exempt cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific water testing requirement under Kansas cottage food exemption. |
| HANDWASHING | Good sanitary practices required per Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products. |

Inspection & permitting

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| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — No state-level food permit required for non-TCS cottage foods. Local zoning ordinances for home occupations may require a permit. Contact Barton County zoning or planning office (Great Bend) to verify requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale or retail resale. Out-of-state shipping allowed with additional requirements. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified in state statute. |

Relevant county code

No specific Barton County cottage food ordinance identified. State exemption (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) applies statewide.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas cottage food exemption (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) applies statewide with no county-specific variations identified. Barton County is a central Kansas county (Great Bend); no county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/barton-county-discuss>

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Barton County’s rules sit on top of Kansas’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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| STATUTE K.S.A. §65-657 | ANNUAL SALES CAP — |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED No | FOOD HANDLER CERT No |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint | DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes |
| INDIRECT SALES No — Indirect sales to restaurants, retail stores, or wholesale are not allowed under the exemption; producers needing wholesale or retail channels must obtain a KDA food processing license. | |

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Kansas cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

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

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