

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Butler County

Kansas · El Dorado · FIPS 20015 · Population 67,618 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
K.S.A. §65-657	Great	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

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 (No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales strongly emphasized; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and events. No state registration required for most cottage foods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Butler County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of El Dorado has its own zoning and business licensing. Butler County is one of Kansas’s larger suburban/exurban counties east of Wichita.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or illness investigation)

Home kitchen rules

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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 to maintain product safety

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or illness investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Butler County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of El Dorado has its own zoning and business licensing. Butler County is one of Kansas’s larger suburban/exurban counties east of Wichita.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Butler County is east of Wichita. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Butler County	Sedgwick County	Chase County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	Direct sales: farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup/delivery, online within Kansas and across state lines. No retail/restaurant sal...	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales strongly emphasized; allowed at farm,...	Almost all non-TCS foods allowed for direct-to-consumer sales. No state license, permit, registration, or food handler training required. N...	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Standard home kitchen storage; safe handling practices	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.
POPULATION	67,618	522,700	2,570

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Butler 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.

<p>STATUTE K.S.A. §65-657</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED No</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP —</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT No</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes</p>
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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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