

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cowley County

Kansas · Winfield · FIPS 20035 · Population 34,186 · Crosodo Index #1966*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
K.S.A. §65-657	Great	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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.

KANSAS: COWLEY COUNTY

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Cowley CountyPopulation 34,186 · State baseline: K.S.A. §65-657 · **MEDIUM****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 Cowley 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 Cowley County zoning or planning office (Winfield) 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**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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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**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

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

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 Cowley County zoning or planning office (Winfield) to verify requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

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 Cowley 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. Cowley County is a south-central Kansas county (Arkansas City and Winfield); no county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cowleycounty.gov>

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

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cowley County	Chautauqua County	Elk County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.	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-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...
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POPULATION	34,661	3,389	2,453

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Cowley 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.

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