

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jackson County

Kansas · Holton · FIPS 20085 · Population 13,462 · Crosodo
Index #1838*

| 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

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. Direct-to-consumer sales only; 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?

Yes (Jackson County zoning regulations define home occupation as use conducted by family members residing in the dwelling, incidental to dwelling use. In residential districts: home occupations must take place within principal dwelling; one sign no greater than 16 sq ft; no more than one employee and one assistant; no display or stock-in-trade on premises; no retail or wholesale on premises except products prepared on premises; no outdoor display or storage; no loud mechanical equipment. Application required with Public Development Director approval; occupational tax license may also be required. On lots of 80,000 sq ft or more, accessory building up to 280 sq ft may be used. Up to two home occupations per dwelling permitted. Deliveries limited to USPS or commercial parcel service, max 10/month by commercial carrier.)

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 required |
| FOOD STORAGE | Appropriate storage to maintain product safety |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or illness investigation |
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| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Yes |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Yes |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; on-site pickup allowed; deliveries must use off-street parking |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | 1 full-time or 2 part-time beyond dwelling occupants |

Relevant county code

Jackson County Zoning Regulations Article XXIX (Home Occupations); Sec. 3-068

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Jackson County zoning regulations found online with specific home occupation provisions. Home occupation definition found in county zoning: must be conducted by family members, no commodity sold except prepared on premises, no outdoor display, max one employee plus one assistant, no loud equipment. Applications approved by Public Development Director. Occupational tax license required. Note: jacksoncountygov.com (different domain) also has home occupation rules document suggesting possible municipal overlay. State cottage food law is the primary food safety framework; county adds zoning layer.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jacksoncountyks.com/277/ZoningPlanning-Land>

<https://www.jacksoncountyks.com>

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

<https://www.jacksoncountyks.com/273/Zoning-Regulations>

<https://www.jacksoncountyks.com/277/ZoningPlanning-Land>

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

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Jackson 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 | 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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