

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Jefferson County

Kansas · Oskaloosa · FIPS 20087 · Population 19,709 ·  
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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?**

Varies (Jefferson County Planning & Zoning administers unincorporated county zoning. Home occupation permit likely required in residential zoning districts. Contact Jefferson County Planning & Zoning for specific requirements. City of Oskaloosa has separate jurisdiction within city limits.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or illness investigation)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or illness investigation
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Jefferson County Planning & Zoning administers unincorporated county zoning. Home occupation permit likely required in residential zoning districts. Contact Jefferson County Planning & Zoning for specific requirements. City of Oskaloosa has separate jurisdiction within city limits.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

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

## Relevant county code

Jefferson County zoning regulations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Jefferson County is a mid-size rural county near the Kansas City metro area. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary framework. County zoning handles home occupation permits for unincorporated areas. City of Oskaloosa has separate city zoning authority.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jfcountyks.com>

<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/jefferson-county-discuss>

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

Jefferson 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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<p><b>STATUTE</b> K.S.A. §65-657</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> No</p> <p><b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint</p> <p><b>INDIRECT SALES</b> 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><b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —</p> <p><b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> No</p> <p><b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes</p>
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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Kansas cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065\\_006\\_0057.html](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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