

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Kearny County

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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 (Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Kearny County Clerk or Planning office for home occupation permit requirements. Home occupation likely permitted as accessory use in agricultural zones.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or illness investigation)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	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.
<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 — Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Kearny County Clerk or Planning office for home occupation permit requirements. Home occupation likely permitted as accessory use in agricultural zones.
<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

Kearny County zoning regulations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county (pop. ~3,887). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. State cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary framework. Agricultural zone dominates; home-based food operations generally permissive.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kearnycounty.org>

<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/kearny-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kearny County	Finney County	Grant County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	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 delivery to consumer permitted in-state	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	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.
POPULATION	3,887	38,187	7,336

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

Kearny 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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## Questions?

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