

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Leavenworth County

Kansas · Leavenworth · FIPS 20103 · Population 82,050 ·
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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.

How to start — 60-second path

Leavenworth County, Kansas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified in state law; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Kansas cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Kansas home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Kansas label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Kansas cottage food: no registration, no inspection required. Broad range of non-TCS foods allowed for direct sales to consumers. Some lab-tested items may be allowed with prior product testing. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements. Some perishable foods allowed with restrictions (ready-to-eat items at events up to 6 times/year; certain TCS products up to 6 days/year without a license). Acidified foods require pH testing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Leavenworth County and the City of Leavenworth (home of Fort Leavenworth and Leavenworth prison) may have home occupation ordinances. County govt URL available: <https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov>. No specific Leavenworth County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. KDA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state law; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific statutory requirement.

HANDWASHING

Sanitation rules under Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 apply.

FOOD STORAGE

Sanitation rules under Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 apply.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers anywhere in Kansas; out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138 guide.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Leavenworth County-specific cottage food code identified. K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4) is the operative cottage food exemption (note: §65-657 in input is the unlawful acts section).

RESEARCH NOTES

Leavenworth County is in the Kansas City metro area (KS side). Kansas cottage food is permissive with no registration/inspection. The operative cottage food exemption is K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4), not §65-657 as listed in input. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from KDA; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov>

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

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/kansas/leavenworth-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Leavenworth County	Douglas County	Wyandotte County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	No explicit state restriction; sanitation rules apply per Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers anywhere in Kansas; out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138 guide.	Kansas allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online. No wholesale or retail store sales. Out-of-state sales allowed with...	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales with additional requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Kansas cottage food: no registration, no inspection required. Broad range of non-TCS foods allowed for direct sales to consumers. Some lab...	Kansas allows nearly all non-TCS foods for direct consumer sales without registration or inspection. Douglas County (Lawrence) has home-bas...	No registration, no inspection required. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. No acidified foods without testing. No cap. Out-of-state sales w...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitation rules under Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 apply.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), most perishable baked goods, low-acid canned foods, kombucha, and meat je...	Shelf-stable products stored in sanitary conditions.
POPULATION	82,050	119,094	167,989

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Leavenworth 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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/kansas.

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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