

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lyon 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?

Yes (Lyon County has zoning regulations with a home occupation section (Section 20-10). For properties within the Metropolitan Planning Area (generally Emporia city), contact the City of Emporia Zoning Office (620-343-4266). For all other county properties, contact Lyon County Zoning Office (620-341-3471). Home occupations are subject to regulations designed to maintain residential character. Regulations include limits on signage, traffic, and prohibited business types. Business activity in a residential zoning district is generally prohibited except for qualifying home occupations. A permit or zoning compliance review is likely required.)

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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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Lyon County Zoning Regulations Section 20-10 (Home Occupations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Lyon County seat is Emporia (pop. ~24,000), a mid-size city. County has active Planning & Zoning department with documented home occupation section (Section 20-10). City of Emporia and Lyon County share metropolitan planning area with separate zoning contacts. Rezoning process requires monthly application deadlines with Planning Board and County Commissioners approval. Home occupations regulated to maintain residential character per county FAQ. State cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary food safety framework; county zoning adds home occupation layer.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lyoncountyks.gov/257/Zoning-Regulations>

<https://www.lyoncountyks.gov>

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

<https://www.lyoncountyks.gov/257/Zoning-Regulations>

<https://emporiaks.gov/FAQ.aspx?QID=76>

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

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Lyon 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.

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