

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Morton 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 (Morton County is a small rural county in the extreme southwestern corner of Kansas near the Oklahoma and Colorado borders. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Morton County Clerk for home occupation permit requirements.)

**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 — Morton County is a small rural county in the extreme southwestern corner of Kansas near the Oklahoma and Colorado borders. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Morton County Clerk for home occupation permit requirements.
<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

Morton County zoning regulations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Morton County is a very small rural county in the southwestern corner of Kansas (pop. ~2,600). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. State cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary framework.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mortoncountyks.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/morton-county-discuss>

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

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

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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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