

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Reno County

Kansas · Hutchinson · FIPS 20155 · Population 61,881 ·
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STATE BASELINE

K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4); Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Almost all non-TCS foods may be sold directly to consumers. Some borderline items (certain frostings, macarons, pecan pies, pepper jellies) may require prior product testing. No registration, no inspection, no training required for non-TCS foods. Some perishable TCS foods allowed at events up to 6 times/year.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sanitation rules apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Reno County includes Hutchinson in south-central Kansas. County govt URL confirmed at renogov.org. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Reno County Planning at (620) 694-2928.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based; KDA may inspect)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sanitation rules apply
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per sanitation rules (§4-28-33)
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods primarily; proper storage required

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 sales to consumers anywhere; out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138. No wholesale to restaurants/retailers under direct exemption.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit

Relevant county code

Contact Reno County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4) (operative cottage food exemption — note: input cites §65-657 which is the 'unlawful acts' section). No registration, inspection, or training required for non-TCS foods. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements. Reno County (Hutchinson) is in south-central Kansas; home of the Kansas State Fair. County govt URL confirmed at renogov.org.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.renogov.org>

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

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0089.html

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

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Reno 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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