

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Riley County

Kansas · Manhattan · FIPS 20161 · Population 72,105 ·
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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.

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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 strongly emphasized; 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 (Riley County Planning & Development handles permits for unincorporated county areas (<https://www.rileycountyks.gov/2070/Applications-and-Permits>). City of Manhattan has its own business licensing and zoning for properties within city limits. Home occupation permit likely required for operations within residential zoning districts.)

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

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| 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

Riley County Planning & Development regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas is a Great-tier state with no sales cap and minimal barriers. Riley County Planning & Development page found but no specific cottage food guidance. City of Manhattan has a separate licensing portal. State cottage food law is primary framework; county adds home occupation zoning layer only.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.rileycountyks.gov>

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

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

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Riley 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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| 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](#).

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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