

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sedgwick County

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STATE BASELINE

K.S.A. §65-657 (operative: K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4))

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 allowed for direct-to-consumer sales. No state license, permit, registration, or food handler training required. No inspections. Direct sales only; no retail/restaurant wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Kansas state law does NOT preempt local ordinances. Sedgwick County and City of Wichita may have home occupation permit requirements. City of Wichita Unified Development Code (UDC) governs home occupations within city limits. Sedgwick County governs unincorporated areas. Operators should check with Wichita Planning Department or Sedgwick County Planning for home occupation rules specific to their property.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No pre-operational inspection; Kansas Dept of Agriculture may act upon consumer complaint)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Almost all non-TCS foods allowed for direct-to-consumer sales. No state license, permit, registration, or food handler training required. No inspections. Direct sales only; no retail/restaurant wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; safe handling practices

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No pre-operational inspection; Kansas Dept of Agriculture may act upon consumer complaint
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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: farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup/delivery, online within Kansas and across state lines. No retail/restaurant sales. No annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4). Local: Sedgwick County/City of Wichita Unified Development Code.

RESEARCH NOTES

Same Kansas state baseline as Johnson County. Sedgwick County (Wichita) is the most populous county in Kansas. State: no license/training/inspection/cap, direct-to-consumer only. Local ordinances NOT preempted. City of Wichita has UDC governing home occupations. Specific Wichita/Sedgwick County home occupation permit requirements not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/kansas/>

<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/sedgwick-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sedgwick County	Butler County	Reno County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	Not specified in state law	No specific state prohibition; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sanitation rules apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales: farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup/delivery, online within Kansas and across state lines. No retail/restaurant sal...	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	Direct sales to consumers anywhere; out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138. No wholesale to resta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Almost all non-TCS foods allowed for direct-to-consumer sales. No state license, permit, registration, or food handler training required. N...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales strongly emphasized; allowed at farm,...	Almost all non-TCS foods may be sold directly to consumers. Some borderline items (certain frostings, macarons, pecan pies, pepper jellies)...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; safe handling practices	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Non-TCS foods primarily; proper storage required
POPULATION	522,700	67,618	61,881

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Sedgwick 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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