

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Stevens County

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| STATE BASELINE       | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4) | 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 (Kansas cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen with no registration, no sales cap, and no inspection requirement. Products must be labeled with producer name, address, and a disclaimer that the food was not prepared in a licensed facility.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction in Kansas state cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Stevens County is a small rural southwestern Kansas county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance or home occupation permit requirement for cottage food was identified. State law does not require registration or permit for direct-to-consumer cottage food sales.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection; complaint-driven only per state baseline.)

## Home kitchen rules

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>       | Yes — Kansas cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen with no registration, no sales cap, and no inspection requirement. Products must be labeled with producer name, address, and a disclaimer that the food was not prepared in a licensed facility. |
| <b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b> | No   |
| <b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>           | No specific pet restriction in Kansas state cottage food law.  |
| <b>WATER SUPPLY</b>               | No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.  |
| <b>HANDWASHING</b>                | No specific state handwashing mandate for cottage food producers.  |
| <b>FOOD STORAGE</b>               | Non-TCS (non-temperature-controlled for safety) shelf-stable foods only.   |

## Inspection & permitting

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>    | Upon-complaint — No routine inspection; complaint-driven only per state baseline.  |
| <b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b> | No — Stevens County is a small rural southwestern Kansas county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance or home occupation permit requirement for cottage food was identified. State law does not require registration or permit for direct-to-consumer cottage food sales. |
| <b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b> | No   |

## Customer-facing rules

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b> | Yes   |
| <b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>         | Yes   |
| <b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b> | Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, home pickup, roadside stands, and events permitted. No wholesale or retail indirect sales. |
| <b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>   | Not specified in state statute.   |

### Relevant county code

No specific Stevens County cottage food or home occupation ordinance identified.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Stevens County is a small, rural southwestern Kansas county (pop. ~5,485). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance was found. Defaulting to Kansas state baseline.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

[https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065\\_006\\_0057.html](https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html)

<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/stevens-county-discuss>

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

Stevens 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><br>K.S.A. §65-657  | <b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b><br>—    |
| <b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b><br>No  | <b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b><br>No  |
| <b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b><br>Upon-complaint   | <b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b><br>Yes |
| <b>INDIRECT SALES</b><br>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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## Questions?

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