

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Washington 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 (Washington County is a small rural north-central 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

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 DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in Kansas state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state handwashing mandate for cottage food producers.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-temperature-controlled for safety) shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection; complaint-driven only per state baseline.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Washington County is a small rural north-central 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.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County is a small rural north-central Kansas county (pop. ~5,471). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance was found. Defaulting to Kansas state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

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

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State context — Kansas cottage food law

Washington 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.

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