

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Boone County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
KRS §217.136 / §217.137	Okay	60000	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 (Annual gross sales capped at \$60,000. Registration (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090). No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and no more than three refrigerators. No commercial equipment or separate commercial kitchen. Prohibited foods: acidified foods, pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, nut butters, oils, vinegars, pasta, fermented foods, juices, and meat jerkies.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Boone County is in the Greater Cincinnati metro area (Northern Kentucky). County zoning ordinance may require a home occupation permit in unincorporated areas. Cities such as Florence, Erlanger, and Independence within Boone County have separate ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (KCHFS may inspect upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. Refrigerators limited to three; ranges/ovens limited to two non-commercial units.

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 only. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and at festivals/ events. No wholesale or indirect sales to retail stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; home-based processor program intended for small-scale individual operations.

Relevant county code

KRS §217.136 (home-based processor); KRS §217.137 (home-based microprocessor for acidified/canned goods, with additional requirements).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (KY) confirmed: KRS §217.136, \$60,000 cap, \$50/year registration, restrictive equipment limits. Boone County is a rapidly growing suburban county in the Northern Kentucky Cincinnati metro. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

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State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Boone County’s rules sit on top of Kentucky’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE KRS §217.137	ANNUAL SALES CAP 60000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only within Kentucky — from home (pickup or delivery), markets, roadside stands, community events, and online; shipping outside Kentucky is prohibited, and sales to restaurants or retail stores for resale are not allowed.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Kentucky cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44478>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/kentucky/>

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