

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bullitt County

Kentucky · Shepherdsville · FIPS 21029 · Population 82,482 ·
Crosodo Index #2725*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
KRS §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.

How to start — 60-second path

Bullitt County, Kentucky — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

60000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified in state law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Kentucky cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Kentucky home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Kentucky label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

KENTUCKY: BULLITT COUNTY

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Population 82,482 · State baseline: KRS §217.137 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Kentucky home-based processor: registration required (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090), \$60,000 annual sales cap. Allowed: non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams, jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, maple and sorghum syrups, granola, snacks. Kitchen restrictions: no more than 2 non-commercial ranges/ovens and no more than 3 refrigerators; no commercial equipment. Acidified foods, pickles, salsas, low-acid canned goods, nut butters, oils, vinegars, pasta, fermented foods, juices, and meat jerkins are prohibited under the standard home-based processor pathway.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bullitt County is in the Louisville metro area. Bullitt County and municipalities (Shepherdsville, Mt. Washington, etc.) may have home occupation requirements. No specific Bullitt County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state law.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific statutory requirement.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement for home kitchen infrastructure.

FOOD STORAGE

No more than 3 refrigerators allowed; standard food safety storage practices.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

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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: in-person at home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, no online shipping under KRS §217.136.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; commercial equipment and separate commercial kitchen prohibited.

Relevant county code

No Bullitt County-specific cottage food code identified. KRS §217.136 and §217.137 govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bullitt County is a suburban Louisville county. Kentucky has a \$60,000 annual cap and requires \$50/year registration. The allowed foods list is relatively restrictive (no acidified foods, no fermented foods). No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official CHFS and KY Legislature sources; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bullittcounty.gov>

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

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/kentucky/bullitt-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bullitt County	Hardin County	Jefferson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state rules; standard sanitation applies
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 only: in-person at home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, no online shipping under KRS §217.136.	Kentucky allows direct sales only: from home, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping status unclear. No wholesale, restaurants, ...	Direct-to-consumer only (farmers markets, events, home sales). No wholesale to restaurants or stores. No internet/mail order. \$60,000 annua...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Kentucky home-based processor: registration required (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090), \$60,000 annual sales cap. Allowed: non-TCS baked goods, ca...	Kentucky allows non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/ jellies, granola, etc. from home kitchen. Registration required with KY Dept. for Public...	Jefferson County is Louisville Metro — a consolidated city-county government. Home-based processor registration (\$50/year with KDPH, 902 KA...
FOOD STORAGE	No more than 3 refrigerators allowed; standard food safety storage practices.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), fermented foods, nut butters, oils, vinegars, pasta, juices, meat je...	Standard food storage; max 3 refrigerators; no more than 2 non-commercial ranges/ovens
POPULATION	82,482	111,005	779,232

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Bullitt 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
KRS §217.137	60000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Upon-complaint	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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/kentucky.

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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