

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Christian County

Kentucky · Hopkinsville · FIPS 21047 · Population 72,766 ·
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STATE BASELINE

KRS §217.136 (home-based processor); §217.137 (home-based microprocessor)

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

60000

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Christian 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 statute.

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

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[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: CHRISTIAN COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. \$60,000 annual sales cap. Registration fee \$50/year (902 KAR 45:090). No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators. No commercial equipment or separate commercial kitchen.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (State registration (\$50/year) required with KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Christian County may have additional local zoning home occupation requirements. No Christian County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services may inspect upon complaint. Registration required but no routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. \$60,000 annual sales cap. Registration fee \$50/year (902 KAR 45:090). No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators. No commercial equipment or separate commercial kitchen.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products stored appropriately. Kitchen use restrictions: max two non-commercial ranges/ovens, max three refrigerators.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services may inspect upon complaint. Registration required but no routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State registration (\$50/year) required with KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Christian County may have additional local zoning home occupation requirements. No Christian County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only. No wholesale, consignment, or retail store sales. Online sales unclear — direct sales framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

KRS §217.136. No Christian County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Christian County follows Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136). \$60,000 annual cap. \$50/year registration. Restrictive prohibited foods list (no acidified foods, pickles, salsas, nut butters, oils, pasta, fermented foods). No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.christiancounty.gov>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Christian County	Caldwell County	Hopkins County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.	Pets and children must be excluded from the kitchen during food production per KRS §217.136 and associated regulations.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only. No wholesale, consignment, or retail store sales. Online sales unclear — direct sales framework.	Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, farm stands, events, and home pickup permitted. No wholesale, retail stores, or internet-based...	Direct-to-consumer only. Permitted venues: home (on-premises pickup), farmers markets, certified roadside stands, community events, fairs, ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. \$60,000 annual sa...	Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. Registration with CH...	Kentucky Home-Based Processor (HBP) law (KRS §217.136) allows production and direct sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a primary resid...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products stored appropriately. Kitchen use restrictions: max two non-commercial ranges/ovens, max three refrigerators.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No more than three refrigerators for storage.	Non-TCS (non-potentially hazardous), shelf-stable foods only. No commercial refrigerators permitted beyond household limits (up to three st...
POPULATION	72,766	12,747	45,223

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Christian 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/>

Questions about Christian County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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