

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Daviess County

Kentucky · Owensboro · FIPS 21059 · Population 102,916 ·
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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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Kentucky allows non-TCS baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies, pastries), candies, jams and jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. Annual sales cap of \$60,000. Registration required (\$50/year). Direct-to-consumer only. No food handler certification required. Kitchen use restrictions: no more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment prohibited.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Owensboro and Daviess County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Daviess County cottage food ordinance identified beyond the state registration requirement.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based inspections only. \$50/year registration with the state.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Prohibited: acid/acidified foods, acidified food products, formulated acid food products, low-acid canned foods, pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, nut butters, oils, vinegars, pasta, fermented foods, juices, extracts, meat jerkies. Home-based microprocessor pathway (§217.137) allows acidified/low-acid canned foods with additional requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-based inspections only. \$50/year registration with the state.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Owensboro and Daviess County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Daviess County cottage food ordinance identified beyond the state registration requirement.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only at home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale or indirect sales. \$60,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Daviess County code section identified. State law governs: KRS §217.137.

RESEARCH NOTES

Daviess County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Kentucky’s \$60,000 cap and registration requirement define this as an ‘Okay’ tier state. Owensboro is a mid-sized Western Kentucky city. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48558>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/kentucky/daviess-county-discuss>

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Daviess 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.

<p>STATUTE KRS §217.137</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP 60000</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT No</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes</p>
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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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