

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Pike County

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## STATE BASELINE

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

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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 home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) requires registration (\$50/year). Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fruit butters, syrups (maple/sorghum), granola, and dried goods only. \$60,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only. No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators — commercial equipment prohibited.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Pike County and City of Pikeville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should check with Pike County Planning and Zoning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Kentucky may inspect upon complaint; registration processed by state, not county.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) requires registration (\$50/year). Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/jellies, fruit butters, syrups (maple/sorghum), granola, and dried goods only. \$60,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only. No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators — commercial equipment prohibited.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS, shelf-stable foods only. Maximum two non-commercial ranges, three refrigerators.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — Kentucky may inspect upon complaint; registration processed by state, not county.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Pike County and City of Pikeville may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should check with Pike County Planning and Zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only. Farmers markets, home pickup, events permitted. No wholesale, no retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

Pike County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Pike County, KY. State baseline (KRS §217.136) applies. Kentucky’s \$60,000 annual cap, prohibition on acidified/low-acid canned foods, and restriction to limited allowed food categories are the key limitations. Pike County is in eastern Kentucky in the Appalachian coalfields area. Registration fee is \$50/year (902 KAR 45:090).

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#### 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/pike-county-discuss>

## State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Pike 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.

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

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

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### 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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