

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Scott County

Kentucky · Georgetown · FIPS 21209 · Population 57,286 ·
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STATE BASELINE

KRS §217.136 (Home-Based Processors); 902 KAR 45:090

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be producer’s primary residence. No commercial ranges/ovens beyond two units; no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment prohibited. All foods must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable per 902 KAR 45:090 approved list. Annual sales cap \$60,000. Registration fee \$50/year with KY Food Safety Branch.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission (GSCRC) requires an occupational license for businesses operating in Georgetown/Scott County. Business registration form BQ100 required. \$50 state registration also required through KY Food Safety Branch. Contact GSCRC at 1000 West Main St. Suite 8, Georgetown KY, phone 502-603-5860.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (KY Food Safety Branch may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. GPS coordinates on application assist complaint investigations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.

WATER SUPPLY Must process in primary residence; public or approved private water supply.

HANDWASHING Standard good manufacturing practices apply; no formal inspection requirement except complaint-based.

FOOD STORAGE All products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (KRS §217.136). In-person at home, farmers markets, events, and similar. No wholesale/retail store channel.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No additional employees specified; production must be by the registered applicant.

Relevant county code

Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission GSCRC BQ100 Occupational License; KRS §217.136; 902 KAR 45:090

RESEARCH NOTES

State registration required with KY Food Safety Branch (\$50/year via DFS-250 form); foods must be from approved 902 KAR 45:090 list. Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission requires local occupational license for all businesses operating locally. No county-specific cottage food health rules found. Scott County is the fastest-growing county in Kentucky per GSCRC materials. \$60,000 annual cap and direct-sales-only requirements are state-level floors.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/homebasedprocessing.aspx>

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/FSDocs/dfs250.pdf>

<https://www.gscrevenueky.gov/Blog/9/business-licensing-guide>

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

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

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Scott 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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