

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Armstrong County

Pennsylvania · Kittanning · FIPS 42005 · Population 65,538 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment)

## STATE TIER

Good

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## 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 (Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Must submit 60 days prior to operating.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Armstrong County is a rural western PA county. Local township or borough zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Armstrong County Planning Commission at (724) 548-3232.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Initial inspection required before registration; routine inspections thereafter)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Must submit 60 days prior to operating.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; private well or septic may require testing documentation
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Handwashing sink required; part of initial kitchen inspection
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required. Acidified and fermented foods allowed with specific testing requirements.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Initial inspection required before registration; routine inspections thereafter
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Armstrong County is a rural western PA county. Local township or borough zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Armstrong County Planning Commission at (724) 548-3232.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations; wholesale to restaurants permitted. No sales cap. Interstate sales possible. Online and mail order permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No specific limit stated

## Relevant county code

Contact Armstrong County Planning Commission for local zoning

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania requires initial on-site inspection and \$35/2-year registration for Limited Food Establishment (cottage food). Armstrong County is a rural western PA county; no county-specific cottage food restrictions found. Not available in Philadelphia County, which does not apply here. No county URLs in input.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&tI=03&div=0&chpt=57>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/pennsylvania/armstrong-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Armstrong County	Indiana County	Butler County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture	Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations; wholesale to restaurants permitted. No sales cap. Interstate sales possible. Online and...	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania.	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registrati...	Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, ...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection be...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required. Acidified and fermented foods allowed with specific testing requirements.	No specific statutory storage requirements.	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.
POPULATION	65,538	83,394	194,562

## State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Armstrong County's rules sit on top of Pennsylvania's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes	No

### INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&t1=03&div=0&chpt=57>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/pennsylvania/>

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## Questions?

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