

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Beaver County

Pennsylvania · Beaver · FIPS 42007 · Population 167,629 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737	Good	—	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 (Registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Non-hazardous foods not requiring refrigeration of finished product only. Application submitted 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Beaver County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under PA Municipalities Planning Code. County URLs were blank in input.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Initial inspection before registration. Routine inspections apply.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply; inspected during registration.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing facilities; assessed during inspection.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Initial inspection before registration. Routine inspections apply.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Beaver County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under PA Municipalities Planning Code. County URLs were blank in input.
<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 sales and internet sales from production site. Farmers market sales may require separate license.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No state restriction specified.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737

### RESEARCH NOTES

Beaver County (Pittsburgh metro area) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules. County URLs were blank in input. PA state program governs.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

## State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Beaver 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

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

Yes

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

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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