

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Blair County

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## STATE BASELINE

**3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment); no sales cap; registration required (\$35/2-year); initial inspection required; limited indirect sales; not available in Philadelphia County**

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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 (Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with the PA Department of Agriculture. Blair County is outside Philadelphia County, so the LFE program applies. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration is issued.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness and sanitation.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Blair County and the city of Altoona may have local zoning home occupation requirements separate from state LFE registration. No specific Blair County home occupation permit details found. State LFE registration is the primary regulatory requirement.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply per PA LFE regulations. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with the PA Department of Agriculture. Blair County is outside Philadelphia County, so the LFE program applies. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration is issued.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness and sanitation.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; well water testing may be required if not on public system per inspection.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing facilities required and will be assessed at inspection.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS shelf-stable products required. No refrigerated finished products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific pH/water activity testing requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply per PA LFE regulations. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Blair County and the city of Altoona may have local zoning home occupation requirements separate from state LFE registration. No specific Blair County home occupation permit details found. State LFE registration is the primary regulatory requirement.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (farmers markets, events, limited retail). Online sales permitted with in-state delivery. All food must be prepared in the registered home kitchen.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

**Relevant county code**

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline applied (PA tier Good). Pennsylvania LFE program requires registration and initial inspection. Blair County includes Altoona (pop ~43K). No county-specific URLs provided in input. Philadelphia County exemption does not apply here. Confidence medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Blair County	Cambria County	Centre County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness and sanitation.	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	Pets in the home are a concern under GMP requirements; animals may not be in food prep areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (farmers markets, events, limited retail). Online sales permitted with in-state...	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted under Limited Food Establishment registration.	Direct sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Wholesale to restaurants and food establishments...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with the PA Department of Agriculture. Blair County is outside Philadelphia...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year renewal). Initial on-site inspection required before registr...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products required. No refrigerated finished products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific pH/water activity testin...	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only.	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination and cross-contact.
POPULATION	122,640	133,263	158,665

## State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Blair 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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