

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bradford County

Pennsylvania · Towanda · FIPS 42015 · Population 60,159 ·
Crosodo Index #2763*

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Bradford County, Pennsylvania — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Likely subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Pennsylvania cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Pennsylvania home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

Pennsylvania label one-pager →

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and subsequent routine inspections. Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. No sales cap. Available statewide except Philadelphia County. Direct and limited indirect sales permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Likely subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bradford County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Bradford County Planning and Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Likely subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.

WATER SUPPLY

Water supply inspected as part of initial kitchen inspection.

HANDWASHING

Adequate handwashing facilities required and verified during kitchen inspection.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — Bradford County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Bradford County Planning and Zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP

Conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Farmers markets, home pickup, online, and some retail permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Bradford County. State baseline (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) applies. Pennsylvania requires an initial kitchen inspection and \$35 fee, which distinguishes it from most states. Bradford County is a rural north-central PA county. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operations begin. Philadelphia County is the only exclusion statewide.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bradfordcounty.gov>

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

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/pennsylvania/bradford-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bradford County	Lycoming County	Sullivan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Likely subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness.	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Farmers markets, home pickup, online, and some retail permitted. Must apply at least 60 days b...	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online sales permitted with in-state delivery.	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and sub...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with PA Department of Agriculture. Lycoming County is outside Philadelphia ...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific testing requirements.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.
POPULATION	60,159	114,022	6,177

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Bradford 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.

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.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Pennsylvania cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=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/>

Questions about Bradford County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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