

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clearfield County

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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 (Non-TCS foods that do not require refrigeration of the finished product. Includes baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Program not available in Philadelphia County.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required beyond the PA Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35 for 2-year registration). Clearfield County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clearfield County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before Limited Food Establishment registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level. Proper sanitary practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before Limited Food Establishment registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required beyond the PA Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35 for 2-year registration). Clearfield County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clearfield County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted (to retail stores with specific requirements). Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operating.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

No Clearfield County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) requires initial kitchen inspection and \$35 registration fee (2-year). No Clearfield County-specific cottage food rules found. PA program not available in Philadelphia County. Application must be submitted 60 days before operating. No county URLs provided in input. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

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/clearfield-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clearfield County	Indiana County	Blair County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.	Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness and sanitation.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales permitted (to retail stores with specific requirements). Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Application mu...	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania.	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (farmers markets, events, limited retail). Online sales permitted with in-state...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods that do not require refrigeration of the finished product. Includes baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/ferm...	Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, ...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with the PA Department of Agriculture. Blair County is outside Philadelphia...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.	No specific statutory storage requirements.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products required. No refrigerated finished products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific pH/water activity testin...
POPULATION	79,707	83,394	122,640

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Clearfield 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	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.

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

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/>

Questions?

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