

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Huntingdon County

Pennsylvania · Huntingdon · FIPS 42061 · Population 45,144 ·  
Crosodo Index #1731\*

STATE BASELINE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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

Huntingdon 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?

**Conditional**

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

### INSPECTION

**Yes**

### PETS

**Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection**

### 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.

## PENNSYLVANIA: HUNTINGDON COUNTY

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## Huntingdon County

Population 45,144 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Huntingdon County has no county-wide zoning. Huntingdon Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office))

## Home kitchen rules

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Potable water supply; private well requires testing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HANDWASHING                | Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Huntingdon County has no county-wide zoning. Huntingdon Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Customer-facing rules**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state statute                                                                                                                                           |

**Relevant county code**

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Huntingdon County is a south-central Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Huntingdon County falls within PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office: 403 E. Christiana St., Martinsburg PA 16662, 814-793-1849). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.huntingdoncountypa.gov>

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

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/pennsylvania/huntingdon-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/pennsylvania/huntingdon-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Huntingdon County                                                                                                                               | Bedford County                                                                                                                                  | Fulton County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection                                                         | Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection                                                         | Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection                                                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
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| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit applic... | Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-controlled-for-safety) foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection requi... | Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit applic... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product                                                          | Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product                                                          | Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product                                                          |
| POPULATION                 | 45,144                                                                                                                                          | 47,888                                                                                                                                          | 14,506                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Huntingdon 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](https://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 Huntingdon 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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## Classifieds

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