

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Snyder County

Pennsylvania · Middleburg · FIPS 42109 · Population 40,372 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

**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.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Snyder County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.)

### SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

### PETS ALLOWED?

Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Snyder County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Snyder County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.)

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

### INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Snyder County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Snyder County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Snyder County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural central PA county. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. Middleburg is county seat. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snydercounty.org>

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

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

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Snyder County	Juniata County	Mifflin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.	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 requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...	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 finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.
POPULATION	40,372	25,183	46,138

## State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Snyder 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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