

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Westmoreland County

Pennsylvania · Greensburg · FIPS 42129 · Population 354,414 · Crosodo Index #2510*

STATE BASELINE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Limited Food Establishment license required from PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required at initial registration

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Westmoreland 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Pets excluded from food production areas during production

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

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[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 (Must register as Limited Food Establishment with PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required before operating; only non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets excluded from food production areas during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county-specific home occupation permit identified; municipalities within Westmoreland County may have zoning-based home occupation requirements; operator should check with local municipality)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection required before license is issued; annual renewal inspections)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must register as Limited Food Establishment with PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required before operating; only non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required; well water testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Dedicated handwashing sink required or designated facility
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary, pest-free conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial inspection required before license is issued; annual renewal inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified; municipalities within Westmoreland County may have zoning-based home occupation requirements; operator should check with local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer and limited indirect sales (farmer's markets, retail); no online-only sales without physical presence permitted under standard LFE
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level

Relevant county code

Not identified; county code not publicly indexed

RESEARCH NOTES

PA requires state LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection — stricter than most states. Westmoreland County has no county health department food program; inspection done by state. No county-level cottage food overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Westmoreland County	Washington County	Butler County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from food production areas during production	PA Department of Agriculture inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas is a GMP issue addressed during inspection...	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer and limited indirect sales (farmer's markets, retail); no online-only sales without physical presence permitted under st...	PA LFE permits direct sales to consumers and through limited indirect channels (depending on product type). Home pickup, delivery, and farm...	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must register as Limited Food Establishment with PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required before operating; only non-TCS shelf-s...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and an initial on-site inspection...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection be...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary, pest-free conditions	Only non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products permitted. Standard GMP storage practices.	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.
POPULATION	354,414	209,631	194,562

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Westmoreland 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 Westmoreland 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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