

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bourbon County

Kansas · Fort Scott · FIPS 20011 · Population 14,424 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
K.S.A. §65-657	Great	—	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.

How to start — 60-second path

Bourbon County, Kansas — 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

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Kansas 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
- ☐ Kansas home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Kansas label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

KANSAS: BOURBON COUNTY

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Population 14,424 · State baseline: K.S.A. §65-657 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)). No registration, inspection, or food handler certificate required at state level. Local zoning home occupation rules may apply — contact Bourbon County zoning office.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level food permit required for non-TCS cottage foods. Local zoning ordinances for home occupations may require a permit. Contact Bourbon County zoning or planning office (Fort Scott) to verify requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Kansas Department of Agriculture may investigate complaints; no routine home kitchen inspection for exempt cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement under Kansas cottage food exemption.

HANDWASHING

Good sanitary practices required per Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

Upon-complaint — Kansas Department of Agriculture may investigate complaints; no routine home kitchen inspection for exempt cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — No state-level food permit required for non-TCS cottage foods. Local zoning ordinances for home occupations may require a permit. Contact Bourbon County zoning or planning office (Fort Scott) to verify requirements.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale or retail resale. Out-of-state shipping allowed with additional requirements.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Bourbon County cottage food ordinance identified. State exemption (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) applies statewide.

RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas cottage food exemption (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) applies statewide with no county-specific variations identified. Bourbon County is a southeast Kansas county on Missouri border; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Local zoning home occupation rules may apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bourboncounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bourbon County	Allen County	Anderson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
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POPULATION	14,405	12,554	7,799

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Bourbon County's rules sit on top of Kansas's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

K.S.A. §65-657

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Indirect sales to restaurants, retail stores, or wholesale are not allowed under the exemption; producers needing wholesale or retail channels must obtain a KDA food processing license.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/kansas/>

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

crosodo.com/nb/kansas/bourbon-county-discuss

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