

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Kearny County

Kansas · Lakin · FIPS 20093 · Population 3,887 · Crosodo  
Index #1841\*

| 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

Kearny County, Kansas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**Upon-complaint**

PETS

**Not specified in state law**

### 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: KEARNY COUNTY

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## Kearny County

Population 3,887 · State baseline: K.S.A. §65-657 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and events. No state registration required for most cottage foods.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Kearny County Clerk or Planning office for home occupation permit requirements. Home occupation likely permitted as accessory use in agricultural zones.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or illness investigation)

## Home kitchen rules

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| WATER SUPPLY               | Standard residential water supply                                                                                                                                                                           |
| HANDWASHING                | Good sanitation practices required                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage to maintain product safety                                                                                                                                                              |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or illness investigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county. Unincorporated areas governed by county zoning. Contact Kearny County Clerk or Planning office for home occupation permit requirements. Home occupation likely permitted as accessory use in agricultural zones. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified at county level                  |

## Relevant county code

Kearny County zoning regulations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Kearny County is a small rural western Kansas county (pop. ~3,887). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. State cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary framework. Agricultural zone dominates; home-based food operations generally permissive.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kearnycounty.org>

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

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Kearny County                                                                                                                                  | Finney County                                                                                                                                  | Grant County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                     | 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                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state                                                                                                 | Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ... | Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even... | Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689... | Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage to maintain product safety                                                                                                 | Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.                                                                         | Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.                                                                         |
| POPULATION                 | 3,887                                                                                                                                          | 38,187                                                                                                                                         | 7,336                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

Kearny 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.

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| STATUTE                                                                                                                                                                                        | ANNUAL SALES CAP  |
| K.S.A. §65-657                                                                                                                                                                                 | —                 |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED                                                                                                                                                                          | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                             | No                |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION                                                                                                                                                                             | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                                                                 | 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. |                   |

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/kansas).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065\\_006\\_0057.html](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/>

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**Questions about Kearny 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/kearny-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/kearny-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Kearny County, Kansas. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

[crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

[crosodo.com/nb/kansas/kearny-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/kearny-county-discuss)

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