

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Rice County

Kansas · Lyons · FIPS 20159 · Population 9,717 · Crosodo  
Index #2111\*

| 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

Rice 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: RICE COUNTY

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## Rice County

Population 9,717 · 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 (Rice County Planning & Zoning administers unincorporated county zoning. Home occupation permit likely required in residential zoning districts. Contact Rice County for specific requirements. City of Lyons has separate jurisdiction within city limits.)

## 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

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or illness investigation                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Rice County Planning & Zoning administers unincorporated county zoning. Home occupation permit likely required in residential zoning districts. Contact Rice County for specific requirements. City of Lyons has separate jurisdiction within city limits. |
| 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

Rice County zoning regulations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Kansas Great-tier state. Rice County is a small central Kansas county (pop. ~9,717). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found. State cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-657) is primary framework.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ricecountyks.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/rice-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/rice-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Rice County                                                                                                                                    | Barton County                                                                                                                                  | Ellsworth 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                 | 9,717                                                                                                                                          | 25,477                                                                                                                                         | 6,374                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Kansas cottage food law

Rice 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**

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.

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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 Rice 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/rice-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/rice-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 Rice 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/rice-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kansas/rice-county-discuss)

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