

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Shawnee County

Kansas · Topeka · FIPS 20177 · Population 178,625 · Crosodo Index #2180*

STATE BASELINE

K.S.A. §65-657 (general); operative provision K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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

Shawnee 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?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (No registration, no inspection, no cap. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. Some items (acidified foods, oils) prohibited. Some lab-tested items may be allowed with prior testing. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Shawnee County requires a home occupation permit from the Land Use & Development Department for any home-based business in unincorporated residential areas. Standards per Sec. 29.02(a)(9) of Shawnee County Zoning Regulations: business must be secondary to residential use, conducted by residents only, no outdoor activities, business must not create nuisances. A permit is required before establishing any home occupation. City of Topeka has its own home occupation rules separate from county.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspections. Kansas Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — No registration, no inspection, no cap. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. Some items (acidified foods, oils) prohibited. Some lab-tested items may be allowed with prior testing. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required per sanitation rules.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in sanitary conditions per KAR 4-28-33.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Business must be conducted by residents of the dwelling only per county zoning.

Relevant county code

Shawnee County Zoning Regulations §29.02(a)(9) (home occupations); K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)

RESEARCH NOTES

Shawnee County official website confirms home occupation permit required from Land Use & Development Department. Official snco.gov page provides specific standards for home occupation permits (Sec. 29.02(a)(9)). Kansas cottage food operative provision is K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4), not the input citation of §65-657. Out-of-state sales possible with additional requirements — rare among states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snco.us>

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

https://www.snco.gov/ludev/permitting_permits_homeuse.php

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/shawnee-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Shawnee County	Douglas County	Jackson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Ex...	Kansas allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online. No wholesale or retail store sales. Out-of-state sales allowed with...	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state; on-site pickup allowed; deliveries must use off-street parking
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	No registration, no inspection, no cap. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. Some items (acidified foods, oils) prohibited. Some lab-tested it...	Kansas allows nearly all non-TCS foods for direct consumer sales without registration or inspection. Douglas County (Lawrence) has home-bas...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in sanitary conditions per KAR 4-28-33.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), most perishable baked goods, low-acid canned foods, kombucha, and meat je...	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	178,625	119,094	13,462

State context — Kansas cottage food law

Shawnee 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	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.	

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 Shawnee 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/shawnee-county-discuss

Classifieds

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