

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Clark County

Kentucky · Winchester · FIPS 21049 · Population 36,860 ·  
Crosodo Index #1307\*

| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| KRS §217.136   | Okay       | 60000                    | 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

Clark County, Kentucky — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

60000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Kentucky label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

## KENTUCKY: CLARK COUNTY

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## Clark County

Population 36,860 · State baseline: KRS §217.136 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. Registration with CHFS is required (\$50/year). Annual sales cap of \$60,000. Direct sales only — farmers markets, farm stands, home pickup, and events permitted. No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators permitted.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Clark County is a central Kentucky county adjacent to Lexington. Winchester, the county seat, may have city-level zoning provisions governing home-based businesses. No county-specific cottage food ordinance beyond state registration was identified. CHFS registration (\$50/year) is the primary permit requirement.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection; complaint-driven only per state baseline.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

## HANDWASHING

No specific state handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No more than three refrigerators for storage.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                         |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Yes                                                                                                                                                         |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, farm stands, events, and home pickup permitted. No wholesale, retail stores, or internet-based indirect sales. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified; commercial equipment and separate commercial kitchen prohibited.                                                                             |

**Relevant county code**

No specific Clark County cottage food ordinance identified. Winchester city zoning may apply within city limits.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Clark County is a central Kentucky county (pop. ~36,860) adjacent to Lexington-Fayette County. No county-specific cottage food ordinance was found. Defaulting to Kentucky state baseline.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.clarkcounty.gov>

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/homebasedprocessing.aspx>

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48558>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Clark County                                                                                                                                   | Bourbon County                                                                                                                                 | Estill County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.                                                       | No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.                                                       | No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.                                                       |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
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| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
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| POPULATION                 | 36,860                                                                                                                                         | 19,788                                                                                                                                         | 14,359                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Clark County's rules sit on top of Kentucky'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  |
| KRS §217.137                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 60000             |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No                |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes               |
| INDIRECT SALES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| No — Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only within Kentucky — from home (pickup or delivery), markets, roadside stands, community events, and online; shipping outside Kentucky is prohibited, and sales to restaurants or retail stores for resale are not allowed. |                   |

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Kentucky cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: [crosodo.com/states/kentucky](https://crosodo.com/states/kentucky).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44478>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

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

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[crosodo.com/nb/kentucky/clark-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/kentucky/clark-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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#### 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

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