

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Franklin County

Kentucky · Frankfort · FIPS 21073 · Population 51,475 ·
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STATE BASELINE

KRS §217.136; 902 KAR 45:090

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

60000

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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60000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.

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

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[Kentucky 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 (Must be primary residence kitchen. Production limited to non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods. No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators. Commercial equipment and separate commercial kitchen prohibited. Annual gross sales cap \$60,000. Must register with Kentucky Food Safety Branch (\$50/year).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Franklin County Health Department administers Home-Based Processor Law (HB 263). No separate local home occupation permit identified in research for unincorporated Franklin County. City of Frankfort may require separate business licensing for cottage food operations within city limits. Recommend verifying with Franklin County Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. Food Safety Branch (502-564-7181) may investigate on complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

Not specified in regulations.

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation implied; no explicit handwashing station requirement.

FOOD STORAGE

Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated. Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Products may be sold from the home (pickup or delivery), at non-permitted markets, roadside stands, community events, and online within Kentucky. No wholesale or indirect sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees beyond household members specified in Home-Based Processor rules.

Relevant county code

KRS §217.136; 902 KAR 45:090; HB 263 (2018); HB 468

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County Health Department (FCHD) has a specific webpage on the Home-Based Processor Law. Registration is with state Food Safety Branch (\$50/year), not county. Franklin County is the seat of state government; FCHD references HB 263 and KRS 217.136. Allowed foods include: dried herbs/spices, candies, dried grains, granola, trail mix, whole fruits/vegetables, dried fruits, mixed greens, high-acid jams/jellies, sweet sorghum syrup, maple syrup, fruit butter, bread, fruit pies, pecan pies, cakes, cookies, popcorn. Annual cap \$60,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

<https://www.franklincountyky.com>

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

<https://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/FSDocs/dfs250.pdf>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Franklin County	Scott County	Anderson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.	KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.	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	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Products may be sold from the home (pickup or delivery), at non-permitted markets, roadside stands, community events, and online within Ken...	Direct sales to consumers only (KRS §217.136). In-person at home, farmers markets, events, and similar. No wholesale/retail store channel.	Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, farm stands, events, and home pickup permitted. No wholesale, retail stores, or internet-based...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be primary residence kitchen. Production limited to non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods. No more than two non-commercial ran...	Must be producer's primary residence. No commercial ranges/ovens beyond two units; no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment p...	Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. Registration with CH...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated. Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	All products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No more than three refrigerators for storage.
POPULATION	51,475	57,286	22,214

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Franklin 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.

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.	

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.

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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