

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Scott County

Kentucky · Georgetown · FIPS 21209 · Population 57,286 ·
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STATE BASELINE

KRS §217.136 (Home-Based Processors); 902 KAR 45:090

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

60000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

60000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be producer's primary residence. No commercial ranges/ovens beyond two units; no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment prohibited. All foods must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable per 902 KAR 45:090 approved list. Annual sales cap \$60,000. Registration fee \$50/year with KY Food Safety Branch.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission (GSCRC) requires an occupational license for businesses operating in Georgetown/Scott County. Business registration form BQ100 required. \$50 state registration also required through KY Food Safety Branch. Contact GSCRC at 1000 West Main St. Suite 8, Georgetown KY, phone 502-603-5860.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (KY Food Safety Branch may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. GPS coordinates on application assist complaint investigations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.
WATER SUPPLY	Must process in primary residence; public or approved private water supply.
HANDWASHING	Standard good manufacturing practices apply; no formal inspection requirement except complaint-based.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — KY Food Safety Branch may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. GPS coordinates on application assist complaint investigations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission (GSCRC) requires an occupational license for businesses operating in Georgetown/Scott County. Business registration form BQ100 required. \$50 state registration also required through KY Food Safety Branch. Contact GSCRC at 1000 West Main St. Suite 8, Georgetown KY, phone 502-603-5860.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (KRS §217.136). In-person at home, farmers markets, events, and similar. No wholesale/retail store channel.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No additional employees specified; production must be by the registered applicant.

Relevant county code

Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission GSCRC BQ100 Occupational License; KRS §217.136; 902 KAR 45:090

RESEARCH NOTES

State registration required with KY Food Safety Branch (\$50/year via DFS-250 form); foods must be from approved 902 KAR 45:090 list. Georgetown/Scott County Revenue Commission requires local occupational license for all businesses operating locally. No county-specific cottage food health rules found. Scott County is the fastest-growing county in Kentucky per GSCRC materials. \$60,000 annual cap and direct-sales-only requirements are state-level floors.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.scottcounty.gov>
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/homebasedprocessing.aspx>
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/FSDocs/dfs250.pdf>
<https://www.gscrevenueky.gov/Blog/9/business-licensing-guide>
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Scott County	Franklin County	Fayette County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.	Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only (KRS §217.136). In-person at home, farmers markets, events, and similar. No wholesale/retail store channel.	Products may be sold from the home (pickup or delivery), at non-permitted markets, roadside stands, community events, and online within Ken...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be producer's primary residence. No commercial ranges/ovens beyond two units; no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment p...	Must be primary residence kitchen. Production limited to non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods. No more than two non-commercial ran...	KY registration required; \$60,000 annual sales cap; direct to consumer only; non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams, jellies, dried goods; labe...
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated. Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	57,286	51,475	321,276

State context — Kentucky cottage food law

Scott 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/>

Questions about Scott 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/kentucky/scott-county-discuss

Classifieds

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