

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Armstrong County

Pennsylvania · Kittanning · FIPS 42005 · Population 65,538 ·
Crosodo Index #2397*

STATE BASELINE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment)

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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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

Armstrong County, Pennsylvania — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Pennsylvania label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

PENNSYLVANIA: ARMSTRONG COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Must submit 60 days prior to operating.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Armstrong County is a rural western PA county. Local township or borough zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Armstrong County Planning Commission at (724) 548-3232.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection required before registration; routine inspections thereafter)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

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WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required; private well or septic may require testing documentation

HANDWASHING

Handwashing sink required; part of initial kitchen inspection

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required. Acidified and fermented foods allowed with specific testing requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Initial inspection required before registration; routine inspections thereafter

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP

Yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations; wholesale to restaurants permitted. No sales cap. Interstate sales possible. Online and mail order permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Armstrong County Planning Commission for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania requires initial on-site inspection and \$35/2-year registration for Limited Food Establishment (cottage food). Armstrong County is a rural western PA county; no county-specific cottage food restrictions found. Not available in Philadelphia County, which does not apply here. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.armstrongcounty.gov>

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Armstrong County	Indiana County	Butler County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture	Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed with limitations; wholesale to restaurants permitted. No sales cap. Interstate sales possible. Online and...	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania.	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registrati...	Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, ...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection be...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required. Acidified and fermented foods allowed with specific testing requirements.	No specific statutory storage requirements.	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.
POPULATION	65,538	83,394	194,562

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Armstrong County's rules sit on top of Pennsylvania's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

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

Questions about Armstrong County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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