

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Beaver County

Pennsylvania · Beaver · FIPS 42007 · Population 167,629 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737	Good	—	MEDIUM	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Non-hazardous foods not requiring refrigeration of finished product only. Application submitted 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Beaver County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under PA Municipalities Planning Code. County URLs were blank in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection before registration. Routine inspections apply.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; inspected during registration.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities; assessed during inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial inspection before registration. Routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Beaver County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses under PA Municipalities Planning Code. County URLs were blank in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales and internet sales from production site. Farmers market sales may require separate license.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified.

Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

RESEARCH NOTES

Beaver County (Pittsburgh metro area) has no verified county-specific cottage food rules. PA state program governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.beavercounty.gov>

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Beaver County	Butler County	Washington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.	PA Department of Agriculture inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas is a GMP issue addressed during inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales and internet sales from production site. Farmers market sales may require separate license.	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.	PA LFE permits direct sales to consumers and through limited indirect channels (depending on product type). Home pickup, delivery, and farm...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Non-hazardous foods not requi...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection be...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and an initial on-site inspection...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.	Only non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products permitted. Standard GMP storage practices.
POPULATION	167,629	194,562	209,631

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Beaver 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 Beaver 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/pennsylvania/beaver-county-discuss

Classifieds

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