

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Schuylkill County

Pennsylvania · Pottsville · FIPS 42107 · Population 143,201 ·
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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must be sanitary during production.

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 with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Submit application at least 60 days before operating. Non-TCS foods only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must be sanitary during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Schuylkill County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Individual municipalities (Pottsville and others) have their own home occupation provisions. Operators should check local municipal zoning code.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Routine inspections thereafter.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Submit application at least 60 days before operating. Non-TCS foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must be sanitary during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required. Private well users may face additional testing.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards; inspected during initial kitchen review.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Routine inspections thereafter.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Schuylkill County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Individual municipalities (Pottsville and others) have their own home occupation provisions. Operators should check local municipal zoning code.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores permitted under the Limited Food Establishment registration.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (PA) confirmed: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737. Schuylkill County is a largely rural county with coal heritage. No county-specific cottage food URLs or ordinances identified. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.schuylkillcounty.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&tli=03&div=0&chpt=57>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Schuylkill County	Lebanon County	Northumberland County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must be sanitary during production.	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must be maintained sanitary; pets excluded from production areas during food prepar...	No specific restriction under PA LFE, but kitchen inspection covers general cleanliness standards.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores permitted under the Limited Food Establishment reg...	Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores. Some indirect sales channels allowed un...	Direct and limited indirect sales. Online/mail order within Pennsylvania; in-person sales at home, farmers markets, and events. Must apply ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737); no sales cap. Registration required (\$35 for 2-year reg...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Products stored in food-safe containers. Low-acid canned foods have additional requireme...	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; no refrigerated finished products.
POPULATION	143,201	143,258	91,340

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Schuylkill 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	ANNUAL SALES CAP
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes	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 Schuylkill 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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