

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Pennsylvania

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737.

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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.

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## Executive summary

This report covers the Pennsylvania cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 67 Pennsylvania counties included in this dataset.

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

yes

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

### INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

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.

### RESEARCH NOTES

The PA Legislature website ([legis.state.pa.us](https://legis.state.pa.us)) timed out during live crawl attempts, so the verbatim statute text (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737, Subchapter B Food Safety) could not be directly retrieved. The excerpt is taken from the official PA Department of Agriculture website and application packet (Rev 3/2024), which directly cites the applicable statute. The input batch cited §5701 (Retail Food Facility Safety Act, Subchapter A), but the operative limited food establishment (cottage food) provisions are in Subchapter B (§§5721–5737, the Food Safety Act). Registration fee is \$35 for a 2-year registration (per the input notes; the state dept page confirms annual renewal also at \$35). An initial on-site inspection is required before the registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply. All material must be submitted at least 60 days prior to operating. Not available in Philadelphia County. The `state_dept_cottage_url` in the input had a slightly different URL; the current active URL is <https://pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment-.html>.

# Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 3 – Agriculture, Chapter 57 – Food Protection, Subchapter B – Food Safety, Sections 5721–5737 (Food Safety Act)

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**CITATION**

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

**ENACTED**

2010

**LAST AMENDED**

2024

**CONFIDENCE**

MEDIUM

## Allowed foods

Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods that do not require refrigeration of the finished product are allowed, including baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages and drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with specific testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Each food category has specific requirements detailed in the application packet.

## Prohibited foods

Any food that requires refrigeration (temperature control) for the finished product is prohibited under the Limited Food Establishment registration. Low-acid canned foods (LACF) have additional requirements. Meat, poultry, and dairy products are generally not permitted without additional licensing. The program is not available in Philadelphia County.

## Labeling requirements

Labeling must comply with applicable federal and state requirements. Products must include product name, manufacturer/packer/distributor name and address, net weight or volume, ingredient list, and lot dates or numbers. Products must be properly labeled prior to sale. Specific commodity requirements for baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages, canned foods, and candy are detailed in the application packet.

## Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

### Statute excerpt — verbatim

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Limited Food Establishment Application Packet (Rev 3/2024): "According to the Food Safety Act (3 Pa.C.S.A. §§5721 – 5737) '...it shall be the duty of every person operating a food establishment within this Commonwealth to register...' The Limited Food Establishment program registers home-based and noncommercial food production sites that meet specific guidelines. In this program, we refer to 'limited food processors' or 'residential-style kitchens' as any kitchen meant for home use, regardless of location. These kitchens can only make non-hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration of the finished product. Given the restrictions and possible testing for home kitchens, close monitoring is essential. Registration involves inspection of the food production site on a routine basis by the Department. Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales; however, businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. A Retail Food Facility License may also be required for sales at an event or Farmer's Market. \*This registration is not permitted in Philadelphia County.

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

## Official sources

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

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

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

**Extension service** <https://extension.psu.edu/food-safety-and-quality>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: [Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture](#)

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## County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 67 Pennsylvania counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

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## Philadelphia County

Population 1,593,208 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · HIGH

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Philadelphia County is explicitly excluded from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Limited Food Establishment (cottage food) registration program. The PA LFE application packet states: 'Any business selling food in Philadelphia County as a Limited Food Establishment requires NSF/ANSI equipment in a commercially zoned property.' This means cottage food operators in Philadelphia must operate from a commercially zoned property with commercial-grade equipment, effectively prohibiting home kitchen-based cottage food in the residential context.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	yes
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies (but see notes — commercial kitchen required)
WATER SUPPLY	Commercial kitchen applies; state baseline for residential does not apply in Philadelphia
HANDWASHING	Commercial kitchen standards apply
FOOD STORAGE	Commercial kitchen standards apply in Philadelphia County

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — PA Department of Agriculture inspects the production site on a routine basis as part of registration. Philadelphia also has its own city health inspections for food establishments.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	see notes — Home kitchen operations are not permitted for Limited Food Establishments in Philadelphia. A commercially zoned property with NSF/ANSI equipment is required. Operators would need standard commercial food establishment permits from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP see notes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE see notes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Standard commercial food establishment rules apply in Philadelphia. State LFE program excludes Philadelphia County.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME see notes — home kitchen operations not permitted in Philadelphia County

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (PA Food Safety Act, Limited Food Establishment); PA LFE Application Packet (Rev 3/2024) note: 'This registration is not permitted in Philadelphia County'

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Philadelphia County is one of the most restrictive jurisdictions in the batch — Pennsylvania's cottage food registration program explicitly excludes it. Home kitchen cottage food is effectively prohibited in Philadelphia; operators must use a commercially zoned property with NSF/ANSI equipment. Philadelphia has its own city health department (Philadelphia Department of Public Health) that regulates food establishments separately from state PDA. This is a significant local overlay that is more restrictive than the state baseline.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.phila.gov>

[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/consumer\\_protection/FoodSafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/Documents/Limited%20Food%20Establishment%20Application%20Packet.pdf](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/consumer_protection/FoodSafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/Documents/Limited%20Food%20Establishment%20Application%20Packet.pdf)

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

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# Allegheny County

Population 1,245,310 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Allegheny County follows Pennsylvania state baseline for Limited Food Establishments. Unlike Philadelphia County, Allegheny County is eligible for the PA LFE registration program. All material must be submitted to PDA at least 60 days prior to operating. An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Registration is \$35/year (2-year cycle at \$35).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	state baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies; well water users may need testing
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — PDA inspects the production site on a routine basis as part of registration. Initial on-site inspection required before registration issuance.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Operators must obtain local municipality zoning approval before applying to PDA for the LFE registration. In Allegheny County, municipalities include Pittsburgh and many surrounding townships/boroughs, each with their own zoning codes. Cities of McKeesport, Penn Hills, and Pittsburgh have their own cottage food rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Registration includes sales direct from production site including internet sales; interstate sales may require FDA registration. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market or event sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PDA LFE Application Packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Allegheny County follows PA state baseline (unlike Philadelphia County which is excluded from the LFE program). The PA LFE registration requires: local zoning approval, initial on-site inspection, and \$35/year fee. PDA processes applications within 15 business days. Key difference from Philadelphia: Allegheny County operators can use a home kitchen — they don't need NSF/ANSI equipment in a commercially zoned property. Cities of McKeesport, Penn Hills, and Pittsburgh may have their own additional rules.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us>

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/allegheny-county-pa>

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## Montgomery County

Population 856,399 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration required. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration. \$35 registration fee (2-year). Not available in Philadelphia County — Montgomery County is eligible. At least 60 days lead time before operating.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state regulations; standard sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; private well may require additional documentation
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required as part of LFE compliance and kitchen inspection
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard food storage per LFE requirements; temperature control foods for finished product not permitted

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply per state LFE regulations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Montgomery County zoning governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. Most of Montgomery County is incorporated (Norristown, King of Prussia area, etc.) with their own home occupation permit rules. Contact the relevant municipality's planning department or Montgomery County Planning Commission for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Direct sales via home, markets, events, internet/online. Indirect retail sales permitted with LFE registration. Mail order possible for shelf-stable items. No wholesale-only without additional licensing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Montgomery County zoning for home occupations

### RESEARCH NOTES

Montgomery County follows Pennsylvania state baseline for Limited Food Establishment (cottage food). The LFE registration is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, not by the county. Initial home kitchen inspection is a distinctive Pennsylvania requirement. The \$35 fee covers 2 years. No Montgomery County-specific modification of state LFE requirements found. Philadelphia County exclusion does not apply here.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.montcopa.org/planning>

<https://www.montcopa.org>

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

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## Bucks County

Population 645,163 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration required with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Must submit application 60 days before opening. \$35 annual registration fee.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Private well water requires testing; municipal water acceptable
HANDWASHING	Required as part of routine home inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions; no temperature-sensitive products

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration issued and on ongoing basis annually
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Pennsylvania LFE application packet explicitly states operators must contact local municipality (township office, borough office, town hall) to verify zoning approval before operating a food business at the property. Bucks County is governed by numerous townships and boroughs, each with their own zoning codes. Zoning approval must be obtained before submitting PDA application. Bucks County has a county health department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales from production site, online sales, farmers market sales, and retail store sales are all allowed. Interstate sales may require FDA registration. A Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market or event sales. No annual sales cap.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified at state level; local zoning may restrict

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (PA Food Safety Act). Local: each township/borough in Bucks County has independent zoning ordinance.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania uses the Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737. Bucks County has its own county health department and Retail Food Facility Program, which may impose additional requirements. Statewide: no sales cap, broad food types allowed (including acidified/fermented with lab testing), all sales venues permitted, inspection required before registration. Local zoning approval from municipality is prerequisite to PDA application. Bucks County has 54 municipalities, each with independent zoning. Confidence medium because specific township-level zoning codes for Bucks County were not retrieved.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.buckscounty.gov/health>

<https://www.buckscounty.gov>

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

<https://www.buckscounty.gov/1158/Food-Program-FAQs>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

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## Delaware County

Population 575,312 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration required with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (\$35/yr). Must submit application 60 days before opening. Must first obtain local municipality zoning approval.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Private well water requires testing; municipal water acceptable
HANDWASHING	Required as part of routine home inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration and on ongoing basis
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Pennsylvania LFE application packet explicitly requires local municipality zoning approval before submitting state application. Delaware County is governed by 49 municipalities (townships, boroughs, cities), each with independent zoning codes. Delaware County has its own health department which may impose additional requirements. Must contact local township or borough for zoning approval.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market and event sales. No annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level; local zoning may restrict

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737. Delaware County has its own health department. Each municipality has independent zoning code.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Same Pennsylvania LFE state baseline as Bucks County. Delaware County is a dense suburban county near Philadelphia with its own county health department. Each of Delaware County's 49 municipalities has its own zoning. Local zoning approval is prerequisite to PDA application. Delaware County health department may have additional requirements. Confidence medium: state law confirmed; Delaware County-specific municipal zoning not retrieved.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.delcopa.gov>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

RANK 123 · FIPS 42071 · Lancaster

## Lancaster County

Population 553,202 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**    yes — Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration required with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (\$35/yr). Acidified/fermented foods require lab testing and approval. Must first obtain local municipality zoning approval.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**    no

**PET RESTRICTIONS**    No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection

**WATER SUPPLY**    Private well water requires testing; municipal water acceptable

**HANDWASHING**    Required as part of routine home inspection compliance

**FOOD STORAGE**    Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions

### Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**    yes — Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration and on ongoing basis annually

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**      yes — Pennsylvania LFE application packet requires local municipality zoning approval as first step. Lancaster County has 60 municipalities (townships, boroughs, and the city of Lancaster). Lancaster County also has a significant Amish/Mennonite farming community with direct farm markets, which may operate under separate rules. Each municipality has independent zoning. Note: Lancaster County is a major food production region; cottage food is common and generally well-accommodated in rural zoning.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**      varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**      yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE**      conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES**      All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market and event sales. No annual sales cap.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME**      Not specified at state level; local zoning may restrict

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737. 60 municipalities with independent zoning codes in Lancaster County.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Same Pennsylvania LFE state baseline as Bucks and Delaware Counties. Lancaster County is notable for its large rural/agricultural population and active cottage food/direct market culture. 60 municipalities. Local zoning approval prerequisite to PDA application. No annual sales cap; broad food types allowed (including acidified/fermented with lab testing); all sales venues permitted. Confidence medium: state law confirmed; Lancaster County municipality-level zoning not retrieved.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://co.lancaster.pa.us>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

RANK 129 · FIPS 42029 · West Chester

## Chester County

Population 536,474 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration required with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (\$35/yr). Must first obtain local municipality zoning approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Private well water requires testing; municipal water acceptable
HANDWASHING	Required as part of routine home inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration and ongoing
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Pennsylvania LFE application packet requires local municipality zoning approval as first step. Chester County has 73 municipalities (townships, boroughs, and the city of Coatesville). Chester County has no county health department — state PDA directly regulates. Must contact local township or borough for zoning approval.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All venues permitted: direct from home, online, retail stores, restaurants, interstate. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market and event sales. No annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level; local zoning may restrict

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737. Chester County: 73 municipalities with independent zoning codes.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Same Pennsylvania LFE state baseline as other PA counties. Chester County is affluent suburban county near Philadelphia. 73 municipalities. No county health department (PDA covers the region). Local zoning approval prerequisite to PDA application. Broad food types allowed, all venues permitted, no sales cap. Confidence medium: state law confirmed; Chester County municipality-level zoning not retrieved.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.chesco.org>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

RANK 154 · FIPS 42133 · York

## York County

Population 457,051 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. York County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — York County municipalities (York City, Dover Township, Spring Garden Township, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. York County government website: yorkcountypa.gov. York County does not administer cottage food permits; municipalities do.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Cannot sell in Philadelphia County. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. York County has no county health department administering food permits; PA Dept. of Agriculture has jurisdiction statewide. York County planning office handles zoning but individual municipalities (York City, townships) have their own zoning codes. Initial inspection required is a key restriction vs. many states. Confidence medium: state rules high-confidence; county-specific zoning not researched at municipal level.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning>

<https://yorkcountypa.gov>

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

<https://yorkcountypa.gov>

RANK 164 · FIPS 42011 · Reading

## Berks County

Population 428,483 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Berks County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture statewide jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Berks County municipalities (Reading, Wyomissing, Muhlenberg Township, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Berks County government does not administer cottage food permits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales and some limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment); local Berks County municipal zoning codes vary.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program well-documented via state .gov source. Berks County has no county health department; PA Dept. of Agriculture has statewide jurisdiction. Initial inspection required is a key restriction. Individual municipalities in Berks County (Reading, townships) have their own zoning codes for home occupation compliance. Confidence medium: state rules high-confidence; county-specific zoning not researched at municipal level.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 192 · FIPS 42077 · Allentown

## Lehigh County

Population 374,110 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Lehigh County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture statewide jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lehigh County municipalities (Allentown, Bethlehem, Emmaus, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules apply.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment); local Lehigh County municipal zoning codes vary.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program well-documented from state .gov source. Lehigh County includes Allentown and Bethlehem (Lehigh Valley). PA Dept. of Agriculture has statewide jurisdiction. Initial inspection required. Individual municipalities have their own zoning codes. Confidence medium: state rules high-confidence; county-specific zoning not researched.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.lehighcounty.org>

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

RANK 202 · FIPS 42129 · Greensburg

## Westmoreland County

Population 354,414 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Limited Food Establishment license required from PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required at initial registration · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must register as Limited Food Establishment with PA Dept of Agriculture; kitchen inspection required before operating; only non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required; well water testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Dedicated handwashing sink required or designated facility
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary, pest-free conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before license is issued; annual renewal inspections
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified; municipalities within Westmoreland County may have zoning-based home occupation requirements; operator should check with local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer and limited indirect sales (farmer's markets, retail); no online-only sales without physical presence permitted under standard LFE
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level

## Relevant county code

Not identified; county code not publicly indexed

### RESEARCH NOTES

PA requires state LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection — stricter than most states. Westmoreland County has no county health department food program; inspection done by state. No county-level cottage food overlay found.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us>

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

RANK 217 · FIPS 42079 · Wilkes-Barre

## Luzerne County

Population 325,396 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Limited Food Establishment license required; kitchen inspection required; no sales cap · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — PA Limited Food Establishment registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; well water testing may be needed
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before license issuance; annual renewal
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Local municipalities within Luzerne County may require home occupation zoning permits; operator should verify with local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

## Relevant county code

Not identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern-status county. Same PA LFE baseline applies. Luzerne County has no dedicated county health department food program; state PDA handles inspections.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 224 · FIPS 42095 · Easton

## Northampton County

Population 314,299 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Limited Food Establishment license required; kitchen inspection required; no sales cap · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — PA LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before license issuance; annual renewal
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Local municipalities in Northampton County (Easton, Bethlehem) may require home occupation zoning permits
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

## Relevant county code

Not identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Same PA LFE baseline. Northampton County includes part of Lehigh Valley (Bethlehem). No county-specific overlay found.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 242 · FIPS 42043 · Harrisburg

## Dauphin County

Population 286,108 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Limited Food Establishment license required; kitchen inspection required; no sales cap · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — PA LFE registration and initial kitchen inspection required; non-TCS foods only; labeling required
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from food production areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before license; annual renewal
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Harrisburg and other municipalities in Dauphin County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local municipality
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets and retail allowed
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

### Relevant county code

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Same PA LFE baseline. Dauphin County contains Harrisburg (PA state capital). No county-specific overlay found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.dauphincounty.gov>

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

## Erie County

Population 270,495 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35 for 2-year term); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Each food category has specific requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation requirements during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well may require testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable; no refrigerated finished products

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Erie County municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Erie County itself has no county-wide zoning. Individual municipalities (City of Erie, townships) have their own zoning ordinances. Check with local municipality.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales allowed; Limited Food Establishment registration allows sales at markets, home, online, and to some retailers. No sales in Philadelphia County under this program.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

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

### RESEARCH NOTES

Erie County is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs provided. Pennsylvania's Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Erie County has no county-wide zoning (second-class county) so municipalities govern. The program requires initial inspection and \$35 registration fee. Confidence medium — state law confirmed from PA DOA but no specific Erie County .gov URL found.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 265 · FIPS 42041 · Carlisle

## Cumberland County

Population 261,269 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35 for 2-year term); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Each food category has specific requirements. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation requirements during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well may require testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable; no refrigerated finished products

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued; subsequent routine inspections apply
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — Cumberland County municipalities may require home occupation permits. Cumberland County has no county-wide zoning. Individual municipalities (Carlisle Borough, townships) have their own zoning ordinances. Carlisle is a borough — check with Carlisle Borough zoning.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct and some indirect sales allowed via Limited Food Establishment registration; markets, home sales, online, and some retail channels.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

### Relevant county code

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

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Cumberland County PA is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs provided. Pennsylvania's Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program applies. Cumberland County is a second-class county with no county-wide zoning. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Cumberland County .gov source found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 315 · FIPS 42069 · Scranton

## Lackawanna County

Population 215,672 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) law requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and an initial on-site inspection before operation. Only non-TCS (non-refrigerated) foods are permitted. Application must be submitted at least 60 days prior to operating. Program not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Lackawanna County (Scranton area) is served by the PA Department of Agriculture program.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	PA Department of Agriculture home kitchen inspection verifies compliance with food safety standards; pet presence in food preparation areas is typically addressed during inspection as a GMP issue.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement stated in the PA Limited Food Establishment program materials reviewed, though the inspector may evaluate water supply during the initial inspection.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities verified during initial on-site inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products permitted. Standard GMP storage practices required.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply under PA Department of Agriculture oversight.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Lackawanna County and City of Scranton zoning may require a home occupation permit for food business operations from a residence. Contact Lackawanna County Planning Commission or Scranton City Planning for home occupation permit requirements. Applicants must also confirm zoning allows a food business at the residential address as part of the PA LFE application process.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania LFE program permits sales directly to consumers and through limited indirect channels (depending on product type). Home pickup, delivery, and farmers market sales permitted. Contact PA Department of Agriculture for specific product category restrictions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in PA Limited Food Establishment statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment); Lackawanna County zoning ordinances (contact Planning Commission)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania state baseline applies. Lackawanna County (county seat: Scranton) is in northeastern Pennsylvania. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. PA Limited Food Establishment program is administered at the state level by PA Department of Agriculture with local inspectors. The \$35 fee is for a 2-year registration (confirmed from input notes). Application at least 60 days before operating is required. Not available in Philadelphia County.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

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RANK 322 · FIPS 42125 · Washington

# Washington County

Population 209,631 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and an initial on-site inspection before operating. Only non-TCS (non-refrigerated) foods are permitted. Application at least 60 days before operating. Program not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Washington County in southwestern PA (Pittsburgh metro area).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	PA Department of Agriculture inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas is a GMP issue addressed during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Water supply adequacy may be assessed during initial on-site inspection.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities verified during initial on-site inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products permitted. Standard GMP storage practices.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply under PA Department of Agriculture oversight.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Washington County and municipalities (Washington City, Canonsburg, Bethel Park area, etc.) may require a home occupation permit for food business operations from a residence. Contact Washington County Planning Commission or relevant municipal zoning office. Zoning verification is part of the PA LFE application process.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	PA LFE permits direct sales to consumers and through limited indirect channels (depending on product type). Home pickup, delivery, and farmers market sales permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No explicit employee cap in PA LFE statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Washington County zoning ordinances (contact Planning Commission)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania state baseline applies. Washington County (county seat: Washington) is in southwestern Pennsylvania in the Pittsburgh metro area. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. PA Limited Food Establishment program is state-administered. Note: Washington County is not the same as Washington, PA; the county seat is the City of Washington, PA.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 345 · FIPS 42019 · Butler

## Butler County

Population 194,562 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) program requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration) and initial on-site inspection before operating. Only non-TCS (non-refrigerated) foods permitted. Application at least 60 days before operating. Butler County is north of Pittsburgh in the Pittsburgh metro area.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	PA inspectors verify GMP compliance; pet presence in food preparation areas addressed as GMP issue during inspection.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Water supply adequacy may be assessed during initial on-site inspection.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing facilities verified during initial on-site inspection.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-refrigerated, non-TCS finished products only. Standard GMP storage.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections under PA Department of Agriculture oversight.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Butler County and municipalities (Butler City, Cranberry Township, Mars, etc.) may require home occupation permits. Contact Butler County Planning Commission or relevant municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	PA LFE permits direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home pickup, delivery, and farmers markets permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit cap in PA LFE statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Butler County zoning ordinances

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania state baseline applies. Butler County (county seat: Butler) is north of Pittsburgh. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. PA Limited Food Establishment program state-administered.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 394 · FIPS 42089 · Stroudsburg

# Monroe County

Population 168,128 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## 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 is issued. Non-hazardous foods not requiring refrigeration of finished product only. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operating. Direct sales and internet sales from production site included. Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen inspected; pets likely required away from food prep areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; inspected during registration.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required; assessed during inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before registration. Routine inspections apply to registered operators.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Monroe County allows home occupations in residential zones with conditions per PA Municipalities Planning Code. Business license or home occupation permit typically required. Monroe County has URLs in input (monroecounty.gov for govt, health, and planning). Stroudsburg, Mount Pocono, and East Stroudsburg have their own rules that may differ from county.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facility License.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No state restriction specified beyond household-style kitchen requirement.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Food Safety Act, Subchapter B)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Monroe County has county URLs in input data (monroecounty.gov). PA Limited Food Establishment program official page (pa.gov) confirms initial inspection required, \$35 registration fee, 60-day application lead time, routine inspections. Monroe County is in the Pocono Mountains area. Not available in Philadelphia County. County health and planning URLs confirmed from input. PA program is administered by state, not county.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

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

<https://www.monroecounty.gov>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>

RANK 396 · FIPS 42007 · Beaver

## Beaver County

Population 167,629 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	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).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Home kitchen inspected; pets should be kept away from food prep areas.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	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. County URLs were blank in input. PA state program governs.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

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

RANK 419 · FIPS 42027 · Bellefonte

## Centre County

Population 158,665 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year renewal). Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Non-TCS foods only (those not requiring refrigeration). Not available in Philadelphia County. Must submit application at least 60 days prior to operating. Allowed foods: baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testing), candy, and other shelf-stable foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets in the home are a concern under GMP requirements; animals may not be in food prep areas.
WATER SUPPLY	Private water supply (well) testing may be required as part of registration review.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facility required; diagram of processing areas required with application.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination and cross-contact.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Centre County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Penn State is located in Centre County; local home occupation rules may vary by municipality. No county-specific cottage food overlay found beyond state rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Wholesale to restaurants and food establishments has restrictions.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified by state law; local zoning may apply.

## Relevant county code

Centre County Zoning Ordinance; 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

### RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large county. State baseline governs. PA requires initial inspection and \$35 registration fee. No Centre County-specific cottage food code identified beyond state rules. County govt URL verified.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://centrecountypa.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>

RANK 429 · FIPS 42055 · Chambersburg

## Franklin County

Population 156,084 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** conditional — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year renewal). Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Non-TCS foods only. Must submit application at least 60 days prior to operating. Allowed: baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testing), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Not available in Philadelphia County.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Pets in the home are a concern under GMP requirements; animals may not be in food prep areas.

**WATER SUPPLY** Private water supply testing may be required as part of registration review.

**HANDWASHING** Adequate handwashing facility required; diagram of processing areas required with application.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Franklin County municipalities may require home occupation permits under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay found beyond state rules.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Wholesale to restaurants and food establishments has restrictions.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local zoning may apply.

### Relevant county code

Franklin County municipalities' Zoning Ordinances; 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. PA requires initial inspection and \$35 registration fee. No Franklin County-specific cottage food code identified.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

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RANK 456 · FIPS 42075 · Lebanon

## Lebanon County

Population 143,258 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### 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 is issued. Must submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Non-TCS foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must be maintained sanitary; pets excluded from production areas during food preparation is recommended per good practices.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required. Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards; inspected during initial kitchen review.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only. Products stored in food-safe containers. Low-acid canned foods have additional requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply after registration.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lebanon County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. The City of Lebanon and other municipalities within the county have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food home occupation ordinance identified. Operators should check with their local municipality for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores. Some indirect sales channels allowed under limited food establishment registration.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified at state level for limited food establishment operators.

## Relevant county code

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

### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (PA) confirmed: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737, \$35 2-year registration fee, initial inspection required. No county-specific URLs in input. Lebanon County follows state baseline. No Philadelphia County exception applies. Confidence medium as county-specific zoning/planning URLs not verified.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 457 · FIPS 42107 · Pottsville

## Schuylkill County

Population 143,201 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

## 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.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

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RANK 480 · FIPS 42021 · Ebensburg

## Cambria County

Population 133,263 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### 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. Submit application at least 60 days before operating. Non-TCS foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards; inspected during initial kitchen review.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated finished products) only.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Routine inspections thereafter.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cambria County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Johnstown (largest city) and Ebensburg have separate home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted under Limited Food Establishment registration.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline (PA) confirmed. Cambria County is in western Pennsylvania (Johnstown area). No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 498 · FIPS 42051 · Uniontown

## Fayette County

Population 128,417 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### 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. Submit application at least 60 days before operating. Non-TCS foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.
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 — Fayette County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Uniontown and Connellsville have separate home occupation ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted under Limited Food Establishment registration.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737.

### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (PA) confirmed. Fayette County is in southwestern Pennsylvania near the West Virginia border (Uniontown). No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 512 · FIPS 42013 · Hollidaysburg

## Blair County

Population 122,640 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment); no sales cap; registration required (\$35/2-year); initial inspection required; limited indirect sales; not available in Philadelphia County · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with the PA Department of Agriculture. Blair County is outside Philadelphia County, so the LFE program applies. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration is issued.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness and sanitation.

WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; well water testing may be required if not on public system per inspection.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required and will be assessed at inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products required. No refrigerated finished products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific pH/water activity testing requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply per PA LFE regulations. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Blair County and the city of Altoona may have local zoning home occupation requirements separate from state LFE registration. No specific Blair County home occupation permit details found. State LFE registration is the primary regulatory requirement.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (farmers markets, events, limited retail). Online sales permitted with in-state delivery. All food must be prepared in the registered home kitchen.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline applied (PA tier Good). Pennsylvania LFE program requires registration and initial inspection. Blair County includes Altoona (pop ~43K). No county-specific URLs provided in input. Philadelphia County exemption does not apply here. Confidence medium.

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 SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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RANK 535 · FIPS 42081 · Williamsport

## Lycoming County

Population 114,022 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment); no sales cap; registration required (\$35/2-year); initial inspection required; limited indirect sales; not available in Philadelphia County · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with PA Department of Agriculture. Lycoming County is outside Philadelphia County, so LFE program applies. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; well water testing may be required if not on public system.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required and assessed at inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific testing requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lycoming County and Williamsport city may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific county overlay found. State LFE registration is primary regulatory requirement.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online sales permitted with in-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (PA tier Good). Lycoming County includes Williamsport (pop ~28K). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 548 · FIPS 42085 · Mercer

## Mercer County

Population 110,600 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment); no sales cap; registration required (\$35/2-year); initial inspection required; limited indirect sales; not available in Philadelphia County · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with PA Department of Agriculture. Mercer County is outside Philadelphia County, so LFE program applies. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP practices apply; inspection will assess kitchen cleanliness.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; well water testing may be required if not on public system.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required and assessed at inspection.

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified/fermented foods have specific testing requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** varies — Mercer County and city of Mercer may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific county overlay found. State LFE registration is primary regulatory requirement.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Pennsylvania allows direct sales and limited indirect sales. Online sales permitted with in-state delivery.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

**RESEARCH NOTES**

State baseline applied (PA tier Good). Mercer County is in western Pennsylvania near the Ohio border. No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 576 · FIPS 42001 · Gettysburg

## Adams County

Population 104,604 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania's Limited Food Establishment (LFE) allows non-TCS (non-refrigerated) foods: baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. An initial on-site inspection is required before the registration is issued. Registration fee is \$35 for 2 years. All material must be submitted at least 60 days prior to operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for LFE, but standard sanitation applies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state water requirement listed, but home inspection is required and inspectors will check sanitation including water supply.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required; verified during pre-operational inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Foods requiring refrigeration are prohibited. Low-acid canned foods (LACF) have additional requirements. Meat, poultry, dairy generally not permitted without additional licensing.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply. Submit application at least 60 days before operating.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Gettysburg and Adams County municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Adams County is a tourist/agricultural county near the Gettysburg battlefield. No specific Adams County cottage food ordinance identified beyond the state LFE framework.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales permitted. Online sales and delivery allowed. Sales to retail establishments conditionally permitted.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute.

## Relevant county code

No specific Adams County code section identified. State law governs: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Adams County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Pennsylvania requires initial kitchen inspection before registration — more burdensome than most states. Registration fee is \$35 for 2-year registration. 60-day lead time required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 646 · FIPS 42097 · Sunbury

## Northumberland County

Population 91,340 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737): no sales cap. Registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued; subsequent routine inspections apply. Allowed: non-TCS foods not requiring refrigeration including baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testing), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Prohibited: refrigerated/frozen foods. Program NOT available in Philadelphia County; all other PA counties including Northumberland are eligible.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** No specific restriction under PA LFE, but kitchen inspection covers general cleanliness standards.

**WATER SUPPLY** No specific requirement stated; kitchen inspection covers general sanitation.

HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement; initial inspection covers food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; no refrigerated finished products.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Routine inspections apply after registration. Must submit materials 60 days prior to operating.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Northumberland County (Sunbury) may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No Northumberland County-specific cottage food permit beyond state LFE registration identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales. Online/mail order within Pennsylvania; in-person sales at home, farmers markets, and events. Must apply 60 days before operating.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated.

## Relevant county code

No Northumberland County-specific cottage food code identified.

### RESEARCH NOTES

No Northumberland County-specific cottage food rules found. Pennsylvania's LFE program requires initial inspection and 60-day lead time before operating. The program is available in all PA counties except Philadelphia. Northumberland County (Sunbury) is in central Pennsylvania. The \$35 fee is for 2-year registration per input notes; state dept page confirms annual renewal also at \$35.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 667 · FIPS 42073 · New Castle

## Lawrence County

Population 85,907 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration required (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration is issued. Must submit application at least 60 days before operating. Only non-PHF (non-temperature-controlled) foods allowed. Program not available in Philadelphia County; all other PA counties including Lawrence County are eligible.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specifically stated in state law; kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Included in application review; public water or well water testing may be required.
HANDWASHING	Kitchen inspection covers food safety infrastructure including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirement beyond general food safety.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before LFE registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply during registration period. PA Dept. of Agriculture administers.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lawrence County and the City of New Castle may have home occupation ordinances. No Lawrence County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Lawrence County Planning or City of New Castle zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales (farmers markets, events, online with in-state delivery, retail stores). Some TCS foods are prohibited. See 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 for full channel details.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state cottage food law.

## Relevant county code

No Lawrence County-specific cottage food code identified. 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 governs.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Lawrence County follows Pennsylvania's Limited Food Establishment framework. The \$35 fee for a 2-year registration and initial kitchen inspection are notable requirements. No Lawrence County-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from PA.gov agency page; county-level rules not verified.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 678 · FIPS 42039 · Meadville

## Crawford County

Population 83,876 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, 60-day advance application. Only non-PHF foods allowed.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.

**WATER SUPPLY** Public water or well water testing may be required during application review.

**HANDWASHING** Kitchen inspection covers food safety infrastructure.

**FOOD STORAGE** No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general food safety.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before LFE registration. Subsequent routine inspections during registration period.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Crawford County and the City of Meadville may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Crawford County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Crawford County Planning or City of Meadville zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania framework.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

## Relevant county code

No Crawford County-specific cottage food code identified. 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 governs.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Crawford County follows Pennsylvania's LFE framework. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed; county-level rules not verified.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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RANK 682 · FIPS 42063 · Indiana

## Indiana County

Population 83,394 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Same as all PA counties (except Philadelphia): Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35, 2-year), initial kitchen inspection required, 60-day advance application. Only non-PHF foods allowed. Note: Indiana County shares its name with Indiana (the state) which can cause confusion; the county seat is also named Indiana, PA.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen inspection evaluates overall conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Public water or well water testing may be required during application review.
HANDWASHING	Kitchen inspection covers food safety infrastructure.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before LFE registration. Subsequent routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Indiana County, PA and the Borough of Indiana may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Indiana County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Indiana County Planning or Borough of Indiana zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Pennsylvania LFE allows direct and limited indirect sales within Pennsylvania.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

No Indiana County, PA-specific cottage food code identified. 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 governs.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Indiana County, PA (not to be confused with Indiana the state) follows Pennsylvania's LFE framework. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 707 · FIPS 42033 · Clearfield

## Clearfield County

Population 79,707 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods that do not require refrigeration of the finished product. Includes baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Program not available in Philadelphia County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level. Proper sanitary practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before Limited Food Establishment registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required beyond the PA Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35 for 2-year registration). Clearfield County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clearfield County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales permitted (to retail stores with specific requirements). Online sales allowed within Pennsylvania. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operating.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute.

## Relevant county code

No Clearfield County-specific cottage food code section found.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) requires initial kitchen inspection and \$35 registration fee (2-year). No Clearfield County-specific cottage food rules found. PA program not available in Philadelphia County. Application must be submitted 60 days before operating. No county URLs provided in input. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 741 · FIPS 42111 · Somerset

## Somerset County

Population 73,802 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

## Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods that do not require refrigeration. Includes baked goods, jams/jellies, beverages, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Initial on-site inspection required. 60-day lead time for application. Program not available in Philadelphia County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly stated, but kitchen must pass initial inspection.

WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods must be stored appropriately.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before Limited Food Establishment registration. Subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required beyond PA Limited Food Establishment registration (\$35 fee, 2-year). Somerset County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Somerset County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales within Pennsylvania allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

## Relevant county code

No Somerset County-specific cottage food code section found.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Somerset County follows Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment framework (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737). Initial inspection required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 814 · FIPS 42005 · Kittanning

## Armstrong County

Population 65,538 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

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 DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture
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	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.
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.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>

RANK 821 · FIPS 42025 · Jim Thorpe

## Carbon County

Population 65,018 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required. Must submit 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Good manufacturing practice applies; home kitchen inspection by PA Department of Agriculture
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well documentation may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required; assessed during initial inspection
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before registration; routine inspections thereafter
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carbon County in eastern Pennsylvania (Pocono area). Local township or borough zoning may apply. Contact Carbon County Planning & Development at (570) 325-2521.

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. No sales cap. Online and mail order permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No specific limit stated

### Relevant county code

Contact Carbon County Planning for local zoning

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania requires initial inspection for Limited Food Establishment. Carbon County in eastern PA near Pocono Mountains. No specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 824 · FIPS 42037 · Bloomsburg

## Columbia County

Population 64,924 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 (Limited Food Establishment) · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment registration required (\$35 fee, 2-year term). Initial on-site inspection required before registration. Must submit 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS foods only.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS Good manufacturing practice applies; kitchen assessed during initial inspection

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required; private well documentation may be required

HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required; assessed during initial inspection
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection before registration; routine inspections thereafter
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Columbia County in central Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg is notable as the county seat and a college town — Bloomsburg University). Local borough or township zoning may apply. Contact Columbia County Planning at (570) 389-5620.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. No sales cap. Online and mail order permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

### Relevant county code

Contact Columbia County Planning for local zoning

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania requires initial inspection for Limited Food Establishment. Columbia County in north-central PA; Bloomsburg is home to Bloomsburg University. No specific county overrides found. No county URLs in input.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

RANK 866 · FIPS 42015 · Towanda

## Bradford County

Population 60,159 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and subsequent routine inspections. Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. No sales cap. Available statewide except Philadelphia County. Direct and limited indirect sales permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Likely subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.
WATER SUPPLY	Water supply inspected as part of initial kitchen inspection.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required and verified during kitchen inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Bradford County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Bradford County Planning and Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Farmers markets, home pickup, online, and some retail permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

## Relevant county code

Bradford County zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Bradford County. State baseline (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) applies. Pennsylvania requires an initial kitchen inspection and \$35 fee, which distinguishes it from most states. Bradford County is a rural north-central PA county. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operations begin. Philadelphia County is the only exclusion statewide.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 878 · FIPS 42103 · Milford

## Pike County

Population 58,996 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	yes — Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and subsequent routine inspections. Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. No sales cap. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Direct and limited indirect sales permitted.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Water supply inspected as part of initial kitchen inspection.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing facilities required and verified during kitchen inspection.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Pike County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Pike County Planning Commission.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

## Relevant county code

Pike County zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Pike County. State baseline (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) applies. Pike County is in northeastern PA near the Delaware Water Gap/Pocono area. Initial kitchen inspection and \$35 fee required. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operations begin.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

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RANK 969 · FIPS 42127 · Honesdale

## Wayne County

Population 51,227 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued. Must submit at least 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Label requirements apply.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of LFE kitchen inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required per LFE requirements.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply as part of LFE program.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Wayne County may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. City of Honesdale and individual townships have separate zoning. Recommend verifying with Wayne County Planning and Zoning and relevant township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retailers. All material submitted 60 days before opening.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state LFE rules.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Wayne County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment registration with initial kitchen inspection — one of fewer states requiring a pre-operational inspection. Registration fee is \$35 (2-year). 60-day advance application required. Wayne County is a rural northeastern PA county; no county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state LFE requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 979 · FIPS 42121 · Franklin

## Venango County

Population 50,475 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued. Must submit at least 60 days prior to operating. Non-TCS foods only. Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well or septic users may face additional testing requirements.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of LFE kitchen inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration issued. Subsequent routine inspections apply as part of LFE program.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Venango County and its townships/municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. City of Franklin has its own zoning code. Recommend verifying with Venango County Planning Commission and relevant municipality.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state LFE rules.

Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; Venango County/municipality zoning codes

RESEARCH NOTES
Pennsylvania LFE program requires initial kitchen inspection and \$35 registration fee. Venango County is in northwestern PA. No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state LFE requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42009 · Bedford

## Bedford County

Population 47,888 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-controlled-for-safety) foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality (township, borough, or city office) to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Bedford County has no county-wide zoning; individual municipalities govern. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application. Bedford Borough and townships have varying home occupation provisions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; internet sales included in registration scope; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Bedford County is a rural south-central Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Bedford County falls within PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office: 403 E. Christiana St., Martinsburg PA 16662, 814-793-1849). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern home occupation rules. Initial inspection and \$35 registration required. Not available in Philadelphia County does not affect Bedford County.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bedfordcountypa.org>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42023 · Emporium

## Cameron County

Population 4,447 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water supply; private well requires testing

**HANDWASHING** Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 2 (Montoursville office)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Cameron County has no county-wide zoning. Emporium Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Very small population county; limited municipal zoning activity.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Cameron County is one of the least populated counties in Pennsylvania with approximately 4,447 residents. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Cameron County falls within PA Region 2 (Montoursville office: 542 County Farm Rd., Suite 102, Montoursville PA 17754, 570-433-2640). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern. Very small population and minimal municipal planning activity expected.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cameroncountypa.gov>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42031 · Clarion

## Clarion County

Population 38,438 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · MEDIUM

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 1 (Meadville office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Clarion County has no county-wide zoning. Clarion Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Clarion County is a rural northwestern Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Clarion County falls within PA Region 1 (Meadville office: 13410 Dunham Rd., Meadville PA 16335, 814-332-6890). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern. Home to Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.clarion.pa.us>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42035 · Lock Haven

## Clinton County

Population 38,632 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water supply; private well requires testing

**HANDWASHING** Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 2 (Montoursville office)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Clinton County has no county-wide zoning. Lock Haven City and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Clinton County is a north-central Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Clinton County falls within PA Region 2 (Montoursville office: 542 County Farm Rd., Suite 102, Montoursville PA 17754, 570-433-2640). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clintoncountypa.gov>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42047 · Ridgway

## Elk County

Population 30,608 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 1 (Meadville office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Elk County has no county-wide zoning. Ridgway Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Elk County is a rural north-central Pennsylvania county known for its elk herd. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Elk County falls within PA Region 1 (Meadville office: 13410 Dunham Rd., Meadville PA 16335, 814-332-6890). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.elkcountypa.gov>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42053 · Tionesta

## Forest County

Population 7,294 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water supply; private well requires testing

**HANDWASHING** Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 1 (Meadville office)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Forest County is one of the least populated Pennsylvania counties and has no county-wide zoning. Tionesta Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Very limited municipal planning activity given low population.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Forest County is among the least populated counties in Pennsylvania with approximately 7,294 residents. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Forest County falls within PA Region 1 (Meadville office: 13410 Dunham Rd., Meadville PA 16335, 814-332-6890). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern. Very rural forested county.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.forestcountypa.gov>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42057 · McConnellsburg

## Fulton County

Population 14,506 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Fulton County has no county-wide zoning. McConnellsburg Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Small rural county; limited municipal planning activity.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Fulton County is a small, rural south-central Pennsylvania county bordering Maryland. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Fulton County falls within PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office: 403 E. Christiana St., Martinsburg PA 16662, 814-793-1849). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.fultoncountypa.com>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42059 · Waynesburg

## Greene County

Population 36,439 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** no

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water supply; private well requires testing

**HANDWASHING** Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED** yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 4 (Greensburg office)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Greene County has no county-wide zoning. Waynesburg Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** yes

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Greene County is in southwestern Pennsylvania bordering West Virginia. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Greene County falls within PA Region 4 (Greensburg office: 226 Donohoe Rd., Suite 101, Greensburg PA 15601, 724-832-1073). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.greene.pa.us>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42061 · Huntingdon

## Huntingdon County

Population 45,144 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Huntingdon County has no county-wide zoning. Huntingdon Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Huntingdon County is a south-central Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Huntingdon County falls within PA Region 5 (Martinsburg office: 403 E. Christiana St., Martinsburg PA 16662, 814-793-1849). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.huntingdoncountypa.gov>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42065 · Brookville

## Jefferson County

Population 44,084 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS foods only; registration required (\$35/year); initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration issued; submit application at least 60 days before operating. Not available in Philadelphia County (does not apply here). Acidified and fermented foods require recipe submission and laboratory testing approval.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in statute; home kitchen must meet sanitation standards during inspection
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply; private well requires testing

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required per state food safety standards
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable finished products; no refrigeration required for finished product

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration is issued; subsequent routine inspections apply; assigned to PA Region 1 (Meadville office)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — PA LFE application packet (Section 2) explicitly requires producers to first contact their local municipality to verify zoning allows a food business at the proposed location. Jefferson County has no county-wide zoning. Brookville Borough and rural townships have their own ordinances. Producers must document zoning approval before PDA application.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE registration; online sales permitted; may need separate Retail Food Facility License for farmers market sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737; PA LFE application packet (Rev 3/2024)

### RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County (PA) is a rural north-central Pennsylvania county. PA Limited Food Establishment program under 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737 is the operative framework. Jefferson County falls within PA Region 1 (Meadville office: 13410 Dunham Rd., Meadville PA 16335, 814-332-6890). No county-wide zoning; municipalities govern. Note: distinct from Jefferson County, OR (FIPS 41031) in the same batch.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jeffersoncountypa.com>

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

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 42067 · Mifflintown

## Juniata County

Population 25,183 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Juniata County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Juniata County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Juniata County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Very rural, 3-township county. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. Municipal zoning varies across townships. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.juniatacounty.org>

<https://www.juniatacounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42083 · Smethport

## McKean County

Population 41,806 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. McKean County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — McKean County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. McKean County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural north-central PA county. Bradford City is within McKean County. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mckeancountypa.org>

<https://www.mckeancountypa.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42087 · Lewistown

## Mifflin County

Population 46,138 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Mifflin County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
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PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Mifflin County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Mifflin County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural central PA county. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. Lewistown Borough is county seat; municipalities have their own zoning. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

## SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mifflincountypa.gov><https://www.mifflincountypa.gov><https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment-><https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42093 · Danville

## Montour County

Population 18,267 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Montour County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT** varies — Montour County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Montour County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** varies

### Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP** conditional

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE** conditional

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES** Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME** Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. One of PA's smallest counties by area. Danville Borough is county seat. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.montourcounty.org>

<https://www.montourcounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42099 · New Bloomfield

## Perry County

Population 46,272 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Perry County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Perry County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Perry County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural county directly north of Harrisburg. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. Municipal zoning varies. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.perrycountypa.gov>

<https://www.perrycountypa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42105 · Coudersport

## Potter County

Population 16,526 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Potter County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
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PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Potter County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Potter County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Very rural north-central PA county. Large forested area, low population density. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.pottercountypa.net>

<https://www.pottercountypa.net>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42109 · Middleburg

## Snyder County

Population 40,372 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Snyder County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Snyder County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Snyder County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural central PA county. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. Middleburg is county seat. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snydercounty.org>

<https://www.snydercounty.org>

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

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&t1=03&div=0&chpt=57>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42113 · Laporte

## Sullivan County

Population 6,177 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Sullivan County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Sullivan County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Sullivan County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. One of Pennsylvania's least populated counties. Very rural. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sullivancounty.pa.gov>

<https://www.sullivancounty.pa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42115 · Montrose

## Susquehanna County

Population 40,328 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Susquehanna County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
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PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Susquehanna County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Susquehanna County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural northeastern PA county bordering New York state. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

## SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.susqco.com><https://www.susqco.com><https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment-><https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42117 · Wellsboro

## Tioga County

Population 40,508 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Tioga County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	varies — Tioga County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Tioga County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

### Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural north-central PA county. Wellsboro is county seat. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://www.tiogacountypa.us>

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- <https://www.tiogacountypa.us>

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

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

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 42119 · Lewisburg

## Union County

Population 44,923 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Union County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Union County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Union County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Home to Bucknell University. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No separate county health dept for food. Lewisburg Borough has its own zoning. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.unionco.org>

<https://www.unionco.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42123 · Warren

## Warren County

Population 39,191 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Warren County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
HANDWASHING	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Warren County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Warren County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural northwestern PA county. Warren city is county seat. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.warrancountypa.gov>

<https://www.warrancountypa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 42131 · Tunkhannock

## Wyoming County

Population 27,048 · State baseline: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 · **MEDIUM**

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	conditional — Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initial on-site inspection is required before registration is issued. Allowed non-TCS foods include baked goods, jams and jellies, beverages/drinks, acid/acidified/fermented foods (with pH testing requirements), candy, and other shelf-stable foods. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operation. NOT available in Philadelphia County. Wyoming County falls under PA Dept. of Agriculture jurisdiction.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	no
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water supply requirement beyond standard food code compliance.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required per food establishment inspection standards.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only. No foods requiring temperature control.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial on-site inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections by PA Dept. of Agriculture.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Wyoming County municipalities have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify local zoning allows food production as a home occupation in their residential zone. Wyoming County does not administer cottage food permits; that is handled by PA Dept. of Agriculture for the registration. Municipal-level home occupation permits may be required by individual townships and boroughs.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted; some limited indirect sales allowed. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

## Relevant county code

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737 (Limited Food Establishment provisions). Local zoning varies by municipality.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pennsylvania LFE program is well-documented with state .gov source. Rural northeastern PA county. Tunkhannock is county seat. PA Dept of Agriculture governs LFE statewide. No county health dept. State rules high-confidence; county-specific municipal zoning not researched at municipality level. Confidence medium: state rules apply uniformly, municipal home occupation rules vary.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wyomingcountypa.gov>

<https://www.wyomingcountypa.gov>

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

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&t1=03&div=0&chpt=57>

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