

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Thomas County, Kansas?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	No	No	—

KANSAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Kansas Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: K.S.A. §65-657](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Thomas County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Thomas County, Kansas. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

No

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Kansas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Indirect sales to restaurants, retail stores, or wholesale are not allowed under the exemption; producers needing wholesale or retail channels must obtain a KDA food processing license.

Kansas permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kansas.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/kansas

Kansas Department of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

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Zoning / home occupation

No. Thomas County is a small rural northwestern Kansas county. No county-specific cottage food ordinance or home occupation permit requirement for cottage food was identified. State law does not require registration or permit for direct-to-consumer cottage food sales.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection; complaint-driven only per state baseline.

Business license

No

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, home pickup, roadside stands, and events permitted. No wholesale or retail indirect sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

KDA licenses food establishments. Kansas cottage food is an exemption from a food-establishment license. Selling from a commissary typically requires a KDA food establishment or food processing license.

Official source: [KDA food safety and lodging](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.thomascounty.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.thomascounty.gov>

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

Thomas County and nearby places

Regulation	Thomas County	Sherman County	Decatur County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in Kansas state cottage food law.	Not specified in state law	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, home pickup, roadside stands, and events permitted. No wholesale or retail indirect sales.	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Kansas cottage food law (K.S.A. §65-689(d)(4)) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen with no registration, n...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even...	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-temperature-controlled for safety) shelf-stable foods only.	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.
POPULATION	7,729	5,960	2,771

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These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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