

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hardin County, Kentucky?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$60,000 / year

KENTUCKY RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Kentucky permits PDF](#)[Kentucky cottage food law page](#)[Kentucky Department for Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: KRS §217.137](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Hardin County, Kentucky. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$60,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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

Kentucky registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only within Kentucky — from home (pickup or delivery), markets, roadside stands, community events, and online; shipping outside Kentucky is prohibited, and sales to restaurants or retail stores for resale are not allowed.

Kentucky permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kentucky.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/kentucky

Kentucky Department for Public Health: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

Statute: [KRS §217.137](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No specific Hardin County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Kentucky KRS §217.136 registration is the primary regulatory requirement. Hardin County (Elizabethtown area, near Fort Knox) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. Contact Hardin County Planning or Elizabethtown city planning.

Health

Upon-complaint. Kentucky registration requires application review but no routine kitchen inspection. Complaint-driven investigation by local health department possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Kentucky allows direct sales only: from home, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping status unclear. No wholesale, restaurants, or retail stores. \$60,000 annual cap.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments permit food service. Kentucky cottage food / home-based processor paths do not replace a food-service permit. A commissary is permitted by the local health department.

Official source: [KY food safety](#)

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

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44478>

Hardin County and nearby places

Regulation	Hardin County	Bullitt County	Nelson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state law.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Kentucky allows direct sales only: from home, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping status unclear. No wholesale, restaurants, ...	Direct sales only: in-person at home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, no online shipping under KRS §217.136.	Direct-to-consumer only within KY; farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, festivals, community events, online orders (in-state); home pic...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Kentucky allows non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams/ jellies, granola, etc. from home kitchen. Registration required with KY Dept. for Public...	Kentucky home-based processor: registration required (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090), \$60,000 annual sales cap. Allowed: non-TCS baked goods, ca...	Annual sales cap \$60,000. Registration required with KY Dept of Public Health (\$50/year). No food handler cert required. Inspection upon co...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), fermented foods, nut butters, oils, vinegars, pasta, juices, meat je...	No more than 3 refrigerators allowed; standard food safety storage practices.	Appropriate storage for non-TCS products
POPULATION	111,005	82,482	46,779

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

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