

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Harrison County, Kentucky?

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

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 Harrison County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

Harrison 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

**No**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Kentucky permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kentucky.pdf>

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**Harrison County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/kentucky/harrison-county>

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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kentucky.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/kentucky](https://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 county-specific home occupation ordinance identified for Harrison County. State law requires annual \$50 registration with CHFS Food Safety Branch (form DFS-250) before selling. Operators should contact the Harrison County planning/zoning office and county judge-executive to confirm whether a local home occupation permit or business license is also required.

### Health

No. Cabinet for Health and Family Services may inspect annually at discretion, or upon complaint/mislabeling report. No routine pre-approval inspection required.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only. Permitted venues: home (on-premises pickup), farmers markets, certified roadside stands, community events, fairs, festivals, and personal delivery within Kentucky. Online orders allowed if fulfilled by in-state pickup or personal delivery. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. No mail/common-carrier shipping.

### 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.harrisoncounty.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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://www.harrisoncounty.gov>

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48558>

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

## Harrison County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Harrison County                                                                                                                                | Bourbon County                                                                                                                                 | Pendleton County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                              |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                               |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Pets and children must be excluded from the kitchen during food production per KRS §217.136 and associated regulations.                        | No specific pet restriction in state statute, but good manufacturing practices expected.                                                       | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                       |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                   |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                      |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer only. Permitted venues: home (on-premises pickup), farmers markets, certified roadside stands, community events, fairs, ... | Direct sales only. Sales at farmers markets, farm stands, events, and home pickup permitted. No wholesale, retail stores, or internet-based... | Direct-to-consumer only within KY; farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, festivals, community events, online orders (in-state); home pic...   |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                                             | Varies                                                                                                                                           |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                           |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Kentucky Home-Based Processor (HBP) law (KRS §217.136) allows production and direct sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a primary resid... | Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136) allows direct-to-consumer sales of non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. Registration with CH... | 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 (non-potentially hazardous), shelf-stable foods only. No commercial refrigerators permitted beyond household limits (up to three st... | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No more than three refrigerators for storage.                                                                 | Appropriate storage for non-TCS products                                                                                                         |
| POPULATION                 | 18,803                                                                                                                                         | 19,788                                                                                                                                         | 14,638                                                                                                                                           |

## More pages for this place

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

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