

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Forrest County

Mississippi · Hattiesburg · FIPS 28035 · Population 77,917 ·
Crosodo Index #2440*

STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Forrest County, Mississippi — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

35000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Mississippi cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Mississippi home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Mississippi label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required. Forrest County may have local zoning requirements. No Forrest County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MSDH may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MSDH may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Forrest County may have local zoning requirements. No Forrest 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 sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

No Forrest County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline confirms Mississippi cottage food law (§75-29-951) with \$35,000 annual cap and direct sales only restriction. No Forrest County-specific ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.forrestcounty.ms>

https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html

<https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Forrest County	Jones County	Lamar County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.	Not specified in state law	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.	Direct-to-consumer only; no internet or mail order sales	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, and events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesal...	Annual sales cap \$35,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales...	Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No reg...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.	Non-PHF shelf-stable products; appropriate storage required	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required
POPULATION	77,917	67,152	64,425

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Forrest County's rules sit on top of Mississippi's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

ANNUAL SALES CAP

35000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Mississippi prohibits Internet sales, mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales. Cottage food products may only be sold through in-person direct-to-consumer channels including events, farmers markets, home sales, and roadside stands. Advertising on the Internet including social media is permitted even though sales through those channels are not.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Mississippi cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/mississippi.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/mississippi/>

Questions about Forrest County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/forrest-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

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COURSES

Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

INSURANCE

Advertise here — Insurance

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Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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