

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hinds County

Mississippi · Jackson · FIPS 28049 · Population 226,541 ·  
Crosodo Index #2387\*

## 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

Hinds 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

**No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation 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.

## MISSISSIPPI: HINDS COUNTY

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## Hinds County

Population 226,541 · State baseline: Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951 · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Hinds County includes the state capital Jackson; no county-specific cottage food overrides documented.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hinds County and City of Jackson zoning rules apply. Jackson may require a business license or home occupation permit. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state registration exemption. Operators should verify with Hinds County or their municipal planning/zoning office.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. No routine inspections for cottage food operations.)

## Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| WATER SUPPLY               | No specific water testing requirement documented for Mississippi cottage food operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| HANDWASHING                | Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be stored to prevent contamination; no state-mandated specific storage requirements documented for cottage food.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. No routine inspections for cottage food operations.                                                                                                                                   |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Hinds County and City of Jackson zoning rules apply. Jackson may require a business license or home occupation permit. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state registration exemption. Operators should verify with Hinds County or their municipal planning/zoning office. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Customer-facing rules**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                       |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                               |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, or wholesale channels allowed under state law. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | No explicit employee limit in Mississippi cottage food statute; home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.                                               |

**Relevant county code**

No specific Hinds County code section identified for cottage food beyond state law.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

County seat (Jackson) inferred from known geography; FIPS 28049 is Hinds County with county seat Jackson. Mississippi state baseline applied. No Hinds County-specific cottage food pages or overrides found. [ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/30,0,77,620.html](https://ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html).

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.hindscountymiss.com>

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[https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/30,0,77,620.html](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/hinds-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/hinds-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Hinds County                                                                                                                                    | Rankin County                                                                                                                                   | Madison County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.                | No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                      | No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.                                           |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, or wholesale cha...  | Direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales. No geographic restriction within Mississippi note...  | Direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted. In-person direct sales on...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. Direct ... | Mississippi allows cottage food from home kitchens. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Allowed non-PHF products: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies... | Mississippi allows nonpotentially hazardous foods sold directly to consumers. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. No registration required. No foo... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be stored to prevent contamination; no state-mandated specific storage requirements documented for cottage food.                  | Non-PHF foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.                                                                                    | Nonpotentially hazardous foods only. Perishable baked goods, TCS foods, nut butters, and juices prohibited.                                     |
| POPULATION                 | 226,541                                                                                                                                         | 157,185                                                                                                                                         | 109,257                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Hinds 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.

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### 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.

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/mississippi).

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### 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/>

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**Questions about Hinds 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/hinds-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/hinds-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Hinds County, Mississippi. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

[crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### Your business here

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

[crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/hinds-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/hinds-county-discuss)

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