

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jackson County

Mississippi · Pascagoula · FIPS 28059 · Population 143,721 ·
Crosodo Index #2443*

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

Jackson 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 explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

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 (Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific county-level cottage food permit identified for Jackson County. County and city zoning ordinances in unincorporated areas or Pascagoula city limits may require a home occupation permit. Jackson County zoning ordinance not specifically researched.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MSDH may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good manufacturing practices; no specific state-mandated facility standard beyond sanitary conditions.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be non-potentially hazardous (shelf-stable). Stored in food-safe sealed containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MSDH may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No specific county-level cottage food permit identified for Jackson County. County and city zoning ordinances in unincorporated areas or Pascagoula city limits may require a home occupation permit. Jackson County zoning ordinance not specifically researched.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only — at farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup. No online sales, mail order, or wholesale allowed under the cottage food exemption.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Not identified; state law (Miss. Code §75-29-951) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (MS) confirmed: Miss. Code §75-29-951, \$35,000 annual cap, direct sales only. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jackson.ms.us>

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/jackson-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jackson County	Harrison County	George County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
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 only — at farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup. No online sales, mail order, or wholesale allowed under the cottage f...	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet, mail order, or wholesale.	Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establi...	Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap: \$35,000. Direct sa...	Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen...
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be non-potentially hazardous (shelf-stable). Stored in food-safe sealed containers.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...
POPULATION	143,721	208,748	24,547

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

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

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Classifieds

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

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

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LOCAL

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