

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Neshoba County

Mississippi · Philadelphia · FIPS 28099 · Population 28,973 ·  
Crosodo Index #2333\*

## STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

## STATE TIER

Good

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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

Neshoba 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 specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.**

### 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: NESHOPA COUNTY

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## Neshoba County

Population 28,973 · State baseline: Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap: \$35,000. No permit, license, or food safety training required by state. Direct sales only (in-person from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, events). No internet, mail-order, or wholesale/retail establishment sales. Sales limited to within Mississippi. Products must be labeled with producer name/address, product name/ingredients, net weight, allergen info, and statement that the product was made in a cottage food operation.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit is required for cottage food operations under Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. However, Neshoba County (unincorporated areas) may require a local business license or permit — producers should contact the Neshoba County chancery clerk or board of supervisors to determine if a business license is required. Incorporated municipalities within the county may have additional zoning or business license requirements.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MSDH has authority to investigate upon complaint of unsafe food or violation of Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. No routine scheduled inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

## HANDWASHING

No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general safe food handling per MSDH guidance.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage) following FDA Retail Food Code guidelines to prevent adulteration.

## Inspection & permitting

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — MSDH has authority to investigate upon complaint of unsafe food or violation of Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. No routine scheduled inspections.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — No state-level permit is required for cottage food operations under Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. However, Neshoba County (unincorporated areas) may require a local business license or permit — producers should contact the Neshoba County chancery clerk or board of supervisors to determine if a business license is required. Incorporated municipalities within the county may have additional zoning or business license requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sales. No wholesale or retail establishment sales. Sales must occur within Mississippi only. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state statute. Products must be made by the cottage food operator in their private home kitchen.                                                                                                                    |

## Relevant county code

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified for Neshoba County. State law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) governs statewide. County zoning for unincorporated areas may not exist or may be limited; verify with county planning office.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Mississippi is a direct-sales-only state with a \$35,000 annual cap. The cottage food law is governed statewide; no county-specific cottage food ordinance was identified. Many rural Mississippi counties do not have county zoning ordinances for unincorporated areas — Mississippi law (Miss. Code Ann. §17-1-1 et seq.) requires a special legislative act for each county to enact zoning, and most low-population Delta/pine belt counties have not done so. Producers should verify with the county chancery clerk or planning/permitting office whether a business license is required. No county-specific home occupation zoning rules were found that add restrictions beyond state law for this county. Neshoba County is a predominantly rural Mississippi county. Allowed foods include baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies, pastries), candy, chocolate-covered nonperishables, dried fruit, dried pasta, dried spices, dry baking mixes, granola/cereal/trail mixes, dry rubs, fruit pies, jams/jellies, and other non-PHF items. Prohibited: meat, fish, poultry, dairy (including custard pies), eggs (except air-dried hard-cooked with intact shell), cooked vegetables, raw seed sprouts, sliced melons, garlic/herbs in oil, cooked potatoes, legumes, beans, nut butters, fruit/vegetable juices, rice, low-acid canned foods, smoked fish, pasteurized/pre-cooked foods.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.neshobacounty.gov>

<https://msdh.ms.gov/page/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/neshoba-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/neshoba-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Neshoba County                                                                                                                                 | Attala County                                                                                                                                  | Kemper County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         | No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Mississippi law.                                                     | 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                                                                                                                                    | Unknown                                                                                                                                        | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal... | Mississippi cottage food law requires direct-to-consumer sales only; home pickup is permitted. Internet sales and mail order are prohibited.   | 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                                                                                                                                         | Unknown                                                                                                                                        | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Unknown                                                                                                                                        | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen... | Mississippi cottage food law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production and direct-to-consumer sales of nonpotentially hazardous foods wi... | 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               | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)... | Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination per good manufacturing practices.                                                    | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)... |
| POPULATION                 | 28,970                                                                                                                                         | 17,842                                                                                                                                         | 8,980                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Neshoba 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 Neshoba 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/neshoba-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/neshoba-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

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

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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

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#### Your business here

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

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

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