

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Rankin County

Mississippi · Brandon · FIPS 28121 · Population 157,185 ·
Crosodo Index #2808*

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

STATE SALES CAP

35000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing 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?

Conditional (Mississippi allows cottage food from home kitchens. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Allowed non-PHF products: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies, pies, donuts), candies, condiments (mustards, pickles, vinegars), dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves (jams, jellies), snacks. No registration required. Direct sales to consumers only — no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. No employees permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Rankin County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under MS cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MSDH may inspect upon complaint or reported foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Rankin County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales. No geographic restriction within Mississippi noted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees permitted under MS cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Rankin County Zoning; Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State is Mississippi, county is Rankin. The \$35,000 sales cap is current per 2024 statute text. MSDH cottage food page URL may be incorrect in source data (appears to reference water supply bureau rather than cottage food). No Rankin County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.rankincounty.org>

<https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.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/rankin-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Rankin 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 Rankin 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/rankin-county-discuss

Classifieds

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