

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Boone County

Missouri · Columbia · FIPS 29019 · Population 184,043 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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

Boone County, Missouri — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Missouri 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
- ☐ Missouri home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

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[Missouri label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Boone County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Columbia (county seat) also requires home occupation permit; businesses must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees, no external signage, limited customer visits. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are distinct.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING

Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

Boone County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law is notably narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) despite being rated 'Great' tier — the rating reflects freedom from inspection/registration requirements and no sales cap. Missouri also has a separate food establishment exemption for individual stands in some counties allowing broader foods. Boone County home occupation permit required per CityRuleLookup. State DHSS guidance document confirmed the narrow scope. MO Revised Statute is effective as of August 28, 2022 (amended by HB 1697).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.boonecountymo.org>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/boone-county-mo>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Boone County	Cole County	Audrain County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified. Good sanitary practices required.	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.	Direct sales from home (residence) only under §196.298. Online in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No sales through events, farme...	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods r...	Limited food scope under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and...	Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and he...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.	Nonperishable shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.
POPULATION	184,043	76,890	24,873

State context — Missouri cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Under §196.298, sales must be directly to consumers from the producer's home. Events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are not permitted under this law. Internet/online sales are allowed but only if both the producer and buyer are located in Missouri. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating the production of food at cottage food operations. A separate Missouri statute (individual stands law) allows sales at events and roadside stands in counties that have adopted it, permitting most other nonperishable foods.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

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

Questions about Boone 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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