

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jasper County

Missouri · Carthage · FIPS 29097 · Population 122,788 ·
Crosodo Index #1011*

STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; limited food categories (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs); local health depts prohibited from regulating

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	—	MEDIUM	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state restriction; standard sanitation 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)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Missouri label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

MISSOURI: JASPER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1011* · FIPS 29097 · Carthage

Jasper County

Population 122,788 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; limited food categories (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs); local health depts prohibited from regulating · **MEDIUM**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)). Jasper County follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning home occupation permits may still apply for unincorporated Jasper County. Missouri also allows online/in-state shipping (2022 amendment). No specific Jasper County home occupation details found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. No inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)). Jasper County follows state baseline.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices; no mandatory certification under MO cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products only. Canned jams/jellies must meet food safety standards.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. No inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning home occupation permits may still apply for unincorporated Jasper County. Missouri also allows online/in-state shipping (2022 amendment). No specific Jasper County home occupation details found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri allows direct sales only: from home, online/in-state shipping, farmers markets (added 2022). No events, restaurants, or retail stores under primary statute (§196.298). A separate individual-stands law in some counties may allow broader venue sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (MO tier Great). Missouri's cottage food law has a narrow approved food list (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) but no cap and preempts local health department regulation. Jasper County includes Joplin (pop ~52K). No county-specific cottage food or planning URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jaspercounty.org>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

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

<https://www.jaspercounty.org>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/missouri/jasper-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jasper County	Newton County	Barton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	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	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Missouri allows direct sales only: from home, online/in-state shipping, farmers markets (added 2022). No events, restaurants, or retail sto...	Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No wholesale, no rest...	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	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departme...	Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registr...	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 products only. Canned jams/jellies must meet food safety standards.	Products must be nonperishable.	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.
POPULATION	122,788	59,019	11,683

State context — Missouri cottage food law

Jasper 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

—

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 Jasper 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/missouri/jasper-county-discuss

Classifieds

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

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

COURSES

Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

INSURANCE

Advertise here — Insurance

Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

LOCAL

Advertise here

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

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/missouri/jasper-county-discuss

Free ad space available

Let us know if you're a non-profit or community organization. Farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and cottage food events near you welcome.

Ads are paid placements. Crosodo does not endorse listed vendors. Verify all information independently. · To advertise: crosodo.com/advertise