

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Newton County

Missouri · Neosho · FIPS 29145 · Population 59,019 · Crosodo  
Index #1060\*

## 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**

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.**

### 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: NEWTON COUNTY

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Population 59,019 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registration, no inspection required. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

### SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

### PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Newton County may have home occupation zoning requirements beyond health department jurisdiction. Operators should check with Newton County for land-use requirements.)

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

### INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).)

## Home kitchen rules

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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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 supply requirement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| HANDWASHING                | No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be nonperishable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Inspection & permitting

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | No — Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).                                                            |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Newton County may have home occupation zoning requirements beyond health department jurisdiction. Operators should check with Newton County for land-use requirements. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Customer-facing rules**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No wholesale, no restaurant/retail store sales under §196.298. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                                                      |

**Relevant county code**

Newton County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified. Note: local health dept regulation prohibited by state law.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Newton County. State baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) applies. Missouri's limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the primary restriction, but otherwise permissive. Newton County is in SW Missouri near Joplin. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.newtoncounty.gov>

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

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

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/missouri/newton-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/missouri/newton-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Newton County                                                                                                                                  | Jasper County                                                                                                                                  | Barry 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 specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.                                                                            | 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          | Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No wholesale, no rest... | Missouri allows direct sales only: from home, online/in-state shipping, farmers markets (added 2022). No events, restaurants, or retail sto... | 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 cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registr... | Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departme... | Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and he... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be nonperishable.                                                                                                                | Shelf-stable products only. Canned jams/jellies must meet food safety standards.                                                               | Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.                   |
| POPULATION                 | 59,019                                                                                                                                         | 122,788                                                                                                                                        | 34,701                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Missouri cottage food law

Newton 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](https://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 Newton 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/newton-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/missouri/newton-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Newton County, Missouri. 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.

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