

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Taney County

Missouri · Forsyth · FIPS 29213 · Population 56,202 ·  
Crosodo Index #897\*

## STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697)

## 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

Taney 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 MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.**

### 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: TANEY COUNTY

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## Taney County

Population 56,202 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Allowed foods limited to: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food operations.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Taney County (Branson tourism area) may have local home occupation zoning provisions for home-based businesses. Contact Taney County government in Forsyth. MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Local health departments prohibited by §196.298(3)(1) from regulating production. DHSS may act on severe complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | No specific MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| WATER SUPPLY               | No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| HANDWASHING                | No formal requirement; recommended best practices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be nonperishable. Proper labeling and storage required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Inspection &amp; permitting

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | No — Local health departments prohibited by §196.298(3)(1) from regulating production. DHSS may act on severe complaints.                                                                                                                                   |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — Taney County (Branson tourism area) may have local home occupation zoning provisions for home-based businesses. Contact Taney County government in Forsyth. MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. |
| 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 permitted. Online sales and in-state shipping added in 2022. No sales at farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, or roadside stands under §196.298 (though a separate individual-stands law may apply in some counties). |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in MO statute.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Relevant county code**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no Taney County-specific ordinance identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Taney County includes Branson tourism area. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies: limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) under primary statute §196.298. A separate Missouri individual-stands law (available in some counties) may allow broader foods at events and roadside stands. MO cottage food law notable for explicit prohibition on local health department regulation. State URL may return 404; MO Revisor URL confirmed.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.taneycounty.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/taney-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/missouri/taney-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Taney County                                                                                                                                   | Christian County                                                                                                                                | Douglas County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.                                                                         | Not specified in state law. Standard sanitary practices apply.                                                                                  | No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.                                                                            |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | No                                                                                                                                              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales permitted. Online sales and in-state shipping added in 2022. No sales at farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, or roads... | Direct sales from home, online sales with in-state delivery/ shipping, and sales at locations the producer attends are all permitted. Retail... | Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.       |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Allowed foods limited to: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and ... | Production must occur at a home kitchen. Under §196.298, only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixe...  | Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods r... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be nonperishable. Proper labeling and storage required.                                                                          | No specific statutory storage requirements beyond standard food safety practices.                                                               | Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.                                                                               |
| POPULATION                 | 56,202                                                                                                                                         | 89,568                                                                                                                                          | 11,803                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Missouri cottage food law

Taney 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 Taney 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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## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

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#### COURSES

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