COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Missouri

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298	Great	B+	115	2026-05-05

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Executive summary

This report covers the Missouri cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 115 Missouri counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
no

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION
no

KITCHEN INSPECTION
no

DIRECT SALES ONLY
yes

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)
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.

RESEARCH NOTES

Full verbatim statute text retrieved directly from the official Missouri Revisor of Statutes website (revisor.mo.gov). The statute is effective as of August 28, 2022 (amended by HB 1697). The 2022 amendment added online/in-state shipping capabilities (subdivision 5). The input notes '2023 expansion was significant' but the statute page shows the most recent amendment as 2022 (HB 1697). The input's IJ grade of B+ and tier of 'Great' are consistent with the Forrager description of Missouri as among the most permissive in the Midwest. The state_dept_cottage_url (health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php) returned a 404 error during crawl; an alternative guidance document (health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf) is referenced by Forrager. Missouri notably prohibits local health departments from regulating production at cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)), making it one of the most producer-friendly regulatory frameworks. The statute's limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the primary restriction, mitigated by the separate individual-stands law available in some counties.

Missouri Revised Statutes §196.298 - Definitions; Cottage Food Production Operation Not Deemed Food Service Establishment; No State or Local Regulation (Title XII, Chapter 196)

CITATION
Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

ENACTED
2014

LAST AMENDED
2022

CONFIDENCE
HIGH

Allowed foods

Under the primary statute (§196.298), only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes are allowed. A separate Missouri cottage food law (applicable in certain counties) allows most other nonperishable foods at events, farmers markets, and roadside stands with very few restrictions.

Prohibited foods

Under §196.298, all foods beyond baked goods, jams/jellies, and dried herbs are prohibited. Specifically prohibited: candies, chocolate, fudge, brittles, cotton candy, all acidified/low-acid canned foods, pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, fruit butters, applesauce, fermented foods, honey, nut butters, oils, syrups, vinegars, cereals, coffee, dried fruit, dried vegetables, pasta, mixes, carbonated drinks, extracts, popcorn, nuts, seeds, and meat jerkies. Sales through events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are also prohibited under this statute (though permitted under the separate individual-stands law in some counties).

Labeling requirements

Labels must include the name and address of the cottage food production operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the department or local health department. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is required to promulgate specific labeling rules implementing these requirements. No sales cap applies; no permit, inspection, or training is required.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

196.298. Definitions — operation not deemed food service establishment, when — no state or local regulation. — 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean: (1) "Baked good", includes cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies, and other items that are prepared by baking the item in an oven. A baked good does not include a potentially hazardous food item as defined by department rule; (2) "Cottage food production operation", an individual operation out of the individual's home who: (a) Produces a baked good, a canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix for sale at the individual's home; and (b) Sells the food produced under paragraph (a) of this subdivision only directly to consumers; (3) "Department", the department of health and senior services; (4) "Home", a primary residence that contains a kitchen and appliances designed for common residential usage. 2. A cottage food production operation is not a food service establishment and shall not be subject to any health or food code laws or regulations of the state or department other than this section and rules promulgated thereunder for a cottage food production operation. 3. (1) A local health department shall not regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation. (2) Each local health department and the department shall maintain a record of a complaint made by a person against a cottage food production operation. 4. The department shall promulgate rules requiring a cottage food production operation to label all of the foods described in this section which the operation intends to sell to consumers. The label shall include the name and address of the cottage food production operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the department or local health department. 5. A cottage food production operation shall not sell any foods described in this section through the internet unless both the cottage food production operation and the purchaser are located in this state. 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the authority of the department of health and senior services or local health departments to conduct an investigation of a food-borne disease or outbreak.

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

Official sources

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

State dept page https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php

Extension service https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-products

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 115 Missouri counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 48 · FIPS 29189 · Clayton

St. Louis County

Population 999,703 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Production must occur in the individual's home kitchen. St. Louis County zoning defines home occupations as domestic activities carried on solely by resident family members with no services offered to the general public and no stock in trade on premises. The county definition creates a tension with cottage food sales — the practical resolution is that cottage food production itself is permissible but a home occupation permit is required for business activity in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No county-specific cottage food pet restrictions found; state law silent on pets. Standard home kitchen hygiene practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	State guidance (DHSS) recommends potable water from approved source; no county-specific overlay found.
HANDWASHING	State guidance recommends adequate handwashing facilities; no county-specific overlay.
FOOD STORAGE	State guidance recommends proper temperature, pest-free storage; no county-specific overlay.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State law §196.298(3)(1) explicitly prohibits the county health department from inspecting or regulating cottage food production operations. No routine or complaint-triggered inspections by county health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — In unincorporated St. Louis County, any business activity from a residence requires compliance with the Zoning Code definition of Home Occupation. The definition requires the activity be carried on solely by resident family members, with no services to the general public on premises, no stock in trade, no commercial equipment beyond household use, and no exterior signage. A permit is required through County Zoning Review (314-615-2525 or 314-615-7814). Note: St. Louis County is highly fragmented — many residents live in incorporated municipalities (Kirkwood, Florissant, Chesterfield, etc.) each with their own rules. County-level rules apply only in unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Under state cottage food law, direct-to-consumer sales at the individual's home are the only authorized sale location under §196.298. Customer visits to pick up orders must not generate commercial-level traffic per county home occupation rules. Farmers market and roadside stand sales are NOT permitted under §196.298 (only home sales), though a separate Missouri statute allows events/markets in some counties.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation definition restricts to resident family members only — no non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

St. Louis County Zoning Code, Home Occupation definition; Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Louis County is Missouri's most populous county (pop. ~1M) but is heavily fragmented into 88+ municipalities and significant unincorporated territory. State law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) explicitly pre-empts local regulation of cottage food production and prohibits county health departments from regulating or inspecting these operations. The county zoning definition of home occupation (domestic activity by resident family only, no public services on premises, no exterior signage) technically restricts commercial activity but does not override the state preemption on food production itself. A home occupation permit is required in unincorporated areas via County Zoning Review. No county-specific cottage food guidance page was found — state baseline applies with high confidence. CityRuleLookup (verified March 2026) corroborates the home occupation permit requirement. The St. Louis City cottage food waiver was abolished (city waivers no longer required), but this county (not city) entry follows county rules only. The Missouri state law's $50,000/year cap under §196.298 and narrower food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only at home) remain the key constraints.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/transportation-and-public-works/commercial-building/pw-commercial-guides/business-information/can-i-operate-a-small-business-out-of-my-home/

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

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

https://library.municode.com/mo/st._louis_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

RANK 90 · FIPS 29095 · Kansas City

Jackson County

Population 715,526 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (cottage food: baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only; direct to consumer); broader individual-stands law also available in some counties · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri's §196.298 limits cottage food to non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. No registration, permit, or fee required. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified; standard sanitation
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; state baseline
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement under state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — State preemption prevents local health department regulation. However, Kansas City and Jackson County may have home occupation permit requirements for the business activity itself (separate from food safety). Contact Kansas City Planning & Development or Jackson County Planning for applicable home occupation rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer: home pickup, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (2022 amendment). No wholesale, no events, no roadside stands under §196.298. Note: a separate Missouri individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some county areas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	unknown

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kansas City Municipal Code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Jackson County follows Missouri state baseline. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Kansas City is the dominant municipality and straddles the Jackson/Clay county line. County seat field is blank in input — Kansas City serves as the county seat. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. The narrow food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is a significant Missouri limitation.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.jacksongov.org/health

https://www.jacksongov.org/planning

https://www.jacksongov.org

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

RANK 174 · FIPS 29183 · Saint Charles

St. Charles County

Population 406,262 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Missouri cottage food law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes. No registration, permit, or inspection required at state level. Direct sales only (no farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298). Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit for home-based businesses from Planning and Zoning Division.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, dried herbs only. No TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection permitted at state or local level per §196.298(3)(1).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Planning and Zoning Division (201 N. Second St., Suite 420, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-7335; Planning@sccmo.org). Business Occupancy Permit also required from Building Division. If operation will prepare or serve food, must also contact Public Health Department (1650 Boone's Lick, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-1800). Note: Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production itself, but local zoning/business licensing compliance is still required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only from home under §196.298 (no farmers markets, events, restaurants, or retail stores). Online/in-state shipping permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Missouri's separate individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some counties.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules apply.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (state cottage food); St. Charles County Home Occupation Permit (Planning and Zoning).

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Charles County Home Occupation Permit requirement confirmed from official sccmo.org sources (Home Occupation Permit page and FAQ). Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) well-documented from state baseline — very limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) and direct sales only from home, but online/shipping added in 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1). However, county still requires Home Occupation Permit and Business Occupancy Permit for home-based businesses. Confidence high: both state law and county permit requirement confirmed from .gov sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sccmo.org

https://www.sccmo.org/1611/Home-Occupation-Permit

https://sccmo.org/FAQ.aspx?QID=224

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

RANK 230 · FIPS 29077 · Springfield

Greene County

Population 299,188 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no registration or inspection required; no sales cap; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS nonperishable baked goods, jams/jellies, and other non-potentially hazardous foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection required; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — MO does not preempt local zoning. City of Springfield and Greene County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail/wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

MO cottage food law is permissive with no sales cap or registration. Greene County includes Springfield, MO's third-largest city. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.greenecountymo.gov

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

RANK 231 · FIPS 29510 · St. Louis

St. Louis city

Population 298,018 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no registration or inspection required; no sales cap; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-TCS nonperishable foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — St. Louis city is an independent city (not part of any county). City of St. Louis has its own zoning code; home-based businesses typically require a home occupation permit through the city Planning & Urban Design Agency. Operator should verify with St. Louis city zoning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail/ wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

St. Louis City zoning code (independent city)

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Louis city is an independent city (not in St. Louis County). Has its own comprehensive zoning code and likely requires home occupation permit for any home-based business. Pattern-status entry. Business license likely required from city.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 273 · FIPS 29047 · Liberty

Clay County

Population 253,085 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed. Direct sales only. Local health departments cannot regulate production (§196.298(3)(1)). Online/in-state shipping allowed (2022 amendment). No sales cap. May also have access to individual-stands law in some county areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be clean
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable shelf-stable foods only under primary statute; baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1))
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Clay County and Liberty may require home occupation permits or business licenses under local zoning. State law prohibits local health dept regulation but does not address local zoning. Check with Clay County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only: home pickup, delivery, online/in-state shipping (as of 2022 HB 1697). No farmers markets, events, or restaurants under §196.298 (though separate individual-stands law may allow event sales in some counties).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Clay County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Clay County MO follows the Missouri state baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298). Missouri has one of the nation's most explicit preemption provisions — local health depts cannot regulate cottage food production. Limited food list under primary statute (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs). No sales cap. No Clay County-specific ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Clay County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.claycountymo.gov

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

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

RANK 303 · FIPS 29099 · Hillsboro

Jefferson County

Population 226,984 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Jefferson County requires a home occupation permit per Section 400.230 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances. The business must be secondary to residential use. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 requires a Home Occupation Permit. Requirements include: applicant must reside at the location; no more than one on-premises employee (besides residents); home occupation cannot exceed 1/3 of gross floor area; no tandem axle vehicle or outdoor storage. Application must be submitted to Jefferson County Planning Division. Note: Arnold, Herculaneum, and Festus (cities within Jefferson County) have their own rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment, HB 1697), and at events/ farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. Delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Jefferson County Home Occupation Permit allows up to 1 non-resident on-premises employee. Missouri state law does not set an employee cap for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 (Home Occupation); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Jefferson County home occupation permit application found directly on jeffcomo.gov with specific requirements from Section 400.230. Missouri state cottage food baseline confirmed. Note: CityRuleLookup references MO Rev. Stat. §196.277 for the $50,000 cap, while the state baseline cites §196.298 — these may reflect different tracks of Missouri's cottage food framework. The primary statute §196.298 restricts to baked goods, jams/jellies, and dried herbs for in-home kitchen operations; a broader $50,000 framework may apply at events/farmers markets under separate county-specific rules. Cities within Jefferson County (Arnold, Herculaneum, Festus) have separate rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.jeffcomo.gov

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

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

https://www.jeffcomo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Home-Occupation-Permit-Application-PDF

https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/jefferson-county-mo

RANK 359 · FIPS 29019 · Columbia

Boone County

Population 184,043 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
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.
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

RANK 511 · 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

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

RANK 561 · FIPS 29037 · Harrisonville

Cass County

Population 108,205 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer only; events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping added by 2022 amendment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed. All other food types (candies, acidified foods, pickles, salsas, etc.) are prohibited under §196.298.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Harrisonville and other municipalities in Cass County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri state law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Cass County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted (2022 amendment). Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298 (though some counties may have a separate individual-stands law).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Cass County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cass County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Missouri's cottage food law has a narrow scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) but no sales cap and expressly prohibits local health regulation. The 2022 amendment (HB 1697) added online/in-state shipping. Cass County is in the Kansas City metro area. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 567 · FIPS 29165 · Platte City

Platte County

Population 107,033 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed under §196.298.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. State statute expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Platte County is in the Kansas City metro area. Platte City and other municipalities (Parkville, Riverside, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Platte County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Platte County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

RESEARCH NOTES

Platte County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Platte County is a fast-growing Kansas City suburb. Missouri's narrow cottage food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the main constraint. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 575 · FIPS 29071 · Union

Franklin County

Population 104,858 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs under §196.298. All other food types prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Union and other municipalities in Franklin County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Franklin County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Franklin County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Franklin County is in the St. Louis exurban area. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 653 · FIPS 29043 · Ozark

Christian County

Population 89,568 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Production must occur at a home kitchen. Under §196.298, only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes are allowed. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating production at cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Direct sales only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law. Standard sanitary practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement beyond standard potable water.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing infrastructure requirement; good practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond standard food safety practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspection authority exists for cottage food operations under §196.298.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Christian County and its municipalities (Ozark, Nixa, Battlefield, etc.) may require a home occupation permit or business license for home-based food businesses. No specific Christian County cottage food ordinance was identified. Producers should check with the Christian County Commission or their municipality's planning/zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online sales with in-state delivery/shipping, and sales at locations the producer attends are all permitted. Retail store and restaurant sales are prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code identified. State law Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs and preempts local health department regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Christian County is in the Springfield metro area (fast-growing). Missouri's cottage food law is favorable: no registration, no inspection, no local health department authority. However, the allowed foods list is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only). No Christian County-specific cottage food rules found. Confidence is medium: state baseline confirmed from official source; county-level zoning/permit rules unverified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 672 · FIPS 29021 · Saint Joseph

Buchanan County

Population 84,544 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating production at cottage food operations under §196.298(3)(1).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Buchanan County and the City of Saint Joseph may have home occupation permit requirements. No specific Buchanan County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Buchanan County or City of Saint Joseph planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home permitted; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Buchanan County-specific cottage food code identified. Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Buchanan County (Saint Joseph metro) follows Missouri cottage food law. County govt URL from input data. No county-specific cottage food overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official Missouri Revisor; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.co.buchanan.mo.us

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

https://www.co.buchanan.mo.us

RANK 695 · FIPS 29031 · Jackson

Cape Girardeau County

Population 81,703 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production under §196.298(3)(1).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cape Girardeau County and the City of Jackson (county seat) plus Cape Girardeau (city) may have home occupation permit requirements. County govt URL: https://www.capecounty.us. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Cape Girardeau County-specific cottage food code identified. Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cape Girardeau County (southeastern Missouri, near Missouri-Illinois border) follows Missouri cottage food law. County govt URL from input data. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.capecounty.us

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

https://www.capecounty.us

RANK 725 · FIPS 29051 · —

Cole County

Population 76,890 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Limited food scope under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes allowed. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 1697).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified. Good sanitary practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — State law (§196.298(3)(1)) expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. However, local business licensing and zoning may still apply. Cole County (Jefferson City is the county seat and state capital) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Cole County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Note: county seat is blank in input data; Cole County seat is Jefferson City.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (residence) only under §196.298. Online in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No sales through events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, or roadside stands under this statute (though a separate individual-stands law may permit some sales in some counties).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298. No Cole County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Cole County is the seat of Missouri's state government (Jefferson City). Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) has very limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) but no sales cap. State law prohibits local health department regulation. A separate individual-stands law may provide additional options in some counties. County seat blank in source data but is Jefferson City. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 794 · FIPS 29187 · Farmington

St. Francois County

Population 66,814 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Under primary statute: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs only. A separate Missouri cottage food law may allow most other nonperishable foods at events, farmers markets, and roadside stands in certain counties.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-perishable products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. St. Francois County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Farmington has its own zoning and business licensing. 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 only; delivery by producer permitted in-state
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri Great-tier state. St. Francois County is in SE Missouri, Ozarks region. Primary statute has limited product scope (baked goods, jams, dried herbs). Separate county-level law may expand this. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 865 · FIPS 29113 · Troy

Lincoln County

Population 60,172 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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; no specific storage mandate.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lincoln County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri prohibits local health department regulation of cottage food but general land-use zoning may still apply. Operators should check with Lincoln County Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. Online/in-state shipping also allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). No wholesale, no restaurant/retail store sales under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Lincoln 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 Lincoln County. State baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) applies. Missouri's limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) is the primary restriction, but the law is otherwise permissive. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. Missouri uniquely prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 877 · FIPS 29145 · Neosho

Newton County

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

Home kitchen rules

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 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

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

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://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php

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

RANK 910 · FIPS 29213 · Forsyth

Taney County

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

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

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

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://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php

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

RANK 930 · FIPS 29101 · Warrensburg

Johnson County

Population 54,025 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MO state or Johnson County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Johnson County includes Warrensburg (home of University of Central Missouri). No specific county cottage food zoning ordinance identified. Contact Johnson County government in Warrensburg.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298 (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 Johnson County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Johnson County (Warrensburg) is home to the University of Central Missouri. No county-specific cottage food rules found. MO state baseline: limited food scope but no sales cap and explicit prohibition on local health department regulation. The 2022 amendment added online/in-state shipping.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 933 · FIPS 29169 · Waynesville

Pulaski County

Population 53,726 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MO state or Pulaski County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Pulaski County includes Waynesville (adjacent to Fort Leonard Wood military installation). Military community may have some local business provisions. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Pulaski County government in Waynesville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under primary statute.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in MO statute.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

Pulaski County is a military county (Fort Leonard Wood). No county-specific cottage food rules found. MO state baseline applies: limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) but no sales cap and no local health department regulation allowed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29001 · Kirksville

Adair County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 HB 1697 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap. No registration required. No food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Adair County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kirksville (county seat) has its own city zoning; a home occupation permit may be required by the City of Kirksville for running a business from a residential property. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Kirksville city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. Delivery to customers allowed. No sales at restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kirksville city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural north-central Missouri county (home of Truman State University). Missouri state baseline governs; no Adair County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Most Missouri rural counties lack county-wide zoning; home occupation rules apply at city level. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping capability.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.adaircountymo.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29003 · Savannah

Andrew County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Andrew County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Savannah (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning for operating a business from a residential property. 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Savannah city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Andrew County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most rural Missouri counties lack county-wide zoning. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.andrewcountymo.gov

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29005 · Rock Port

Atchison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Atchison County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Rock Port (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Rock Port city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural northwestern Missouri county bordering Iowa and Nebraska (one of MO's least populous counties). Missouri state baseline governs; no Atchison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most rural Missouri counties lack county-wide zoning. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.atchisoncountymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29007 · Mexico

Audrain County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Audrain County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Mexico (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Mexico city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural north-central Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Audrain County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.audraincounty.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29009 · Cassville

Barry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Barry County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Cassville (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Cassville city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Missouri county (Ozarks region, near Arkansas border). Missouri state baseline governs; no Barry County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.barrycountymo.gov

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29011 · Lamar

Barton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Barton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Lamar (county seat, birthplace of Harry S. Truman) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Lamar city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Missouri county (borders Kansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Barton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bartoncountymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29013 · Butler

Bates County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Bates County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Butler (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Butler city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural western Missouri county (borders Kansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Bates County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.batescountymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29015 · Warsaw

Benton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Benton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Warsaw (county seat, located on Lake of the Ozarks) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Warsaw city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Missouri county (Lake of the Ozarks region). Missouri state baseline governs; no Benton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bentoncountymo.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29017 · Marble Hill

Bollinger County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Bollinger County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Marble Hill (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Marble Hill city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural southeastern Missouri county (Ozarks region). Missouri state baseline governs; no Bollinger County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.bollingercounty.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29023 · Poplar Bluff

Butler County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Butler County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Poplar Bluff (county seat, one of the larger cities in this batch) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Poplar Bluff should verify with city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Poplar Bluff city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southeastern Missouri county (Poplar Bluff is a regional hub). Missouri state baseline governs; no Butler County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.butlercountymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29025 · Kingston

Caldwell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Caldwell County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kingston (county seat, very small community) and Hamilton/Polo (larger cities in the county) may have city zoning requiring home occupation permits. 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kingston/Hamilton city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Caldwell County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.caldwellcountymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29027 · Fulton

Callaway County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Callaway County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Fulton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Fulton should verify with city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Fulton city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Missouri county (near Jefferson City). Missouri state baseline governs; no Callaway County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.callawaymo.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29029 · Camdenton

Camden County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Camden County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Camdenton (county seat) and Lake Ozark/Osage Beach (tourist/resort communities) may require home occupation permits under city or township zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in resort areas should check local rules carefully.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Camdenton/Lake Ozark city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Popular Lake of the Ozarks resort county in central Missouri. Missouri state baseline governs; no Camden County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Resort/tourist communities may have additional local business rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.camdencounty.com

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29033 · Carrollton

Carroll County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carroll County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Carrollton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city 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	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Carrollton city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Carroll County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.carrollcountymo.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29035 · Van Buren

Carter County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carter County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Van Buren (county seat, very small community on the Current River) may have limited city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Many unincorporated areas have no applicable home occupation rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Van Buren city zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural southeastern Missouri Ozarks county (one of Missouri's least populous, ~6,000 residents; borders Arkansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Carter County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most of the county is unincorporated forest/Ozark National Scenic Riverways land. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.cartercountymo.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29039 · Stockton

Cedar County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Cedar County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Stockton county courthouse.
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

Cedar County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Cedar County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Stockton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Cedar County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29041 · Keytesville

Chariton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Chariton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Keytesville county courthouse.
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

Chariton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Chariton County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Keytesville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Chariton County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29045 · Kahoka

Clark County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Clark County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kahoka county courthouse.
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

Clark County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Clark County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Kahoka. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Clark County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29049 · Plattsburg

Clinton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Clinton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Plattsburg county courthouse.
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

Clinton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Clinton County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Plattsburg. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Clinton County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29053 · Boonville

Cooper County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Cooper County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Boonville county courthouse.
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

Cooper County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Cooper County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Boonville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Cooper County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29055 · Steelville

Crawford County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Crawford County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Steelville county courthouse.
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

Crawford County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Crawford County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Steelville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Crawford County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29057 · Greenfield

Dade County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Dade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Greenfield county courthouse.
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

Dade County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dade County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Greenfield. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dade County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29059 · Buffalo

Dallas County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Dallas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Buffalo county courthouse.
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

Dallas County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dallas County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Buffalo. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dallas County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29061 · Gallatin

Daviess County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Daviess County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Gallatin county courthouse.
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

Daviess County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Daviess County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Gallatin. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Daviess County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29063 · Maysville

DeKalb County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — DeKalb County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Maysville county courthouse.
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

DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. DeKalb County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Maysville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the DeKalb County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29065 · Salem

Dent County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Dent County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Salem county courthouse.
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

Dent County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dent County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Salem. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dent County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29067 · Ava

Douglas County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Douglas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Ava county courthouse.
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

Douglas County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Douglas County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Ava. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Douglas County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29069 · Kennett

Dunklin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Dunklin County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kennett county courthouse.
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

Dunklin County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dunklin County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Kennett. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dunklin County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29073 · Hermann

Gasconade County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Gasconade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermann county courthouse.
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

Gasconade County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Gasconade County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Hermann. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Gasconade County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29075 · Albany

Gentry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Gentry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Albany county courthouse.
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

Gentry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Gentry County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Albany. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Gentry County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29079 · Trenton

Grundy County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Grundy County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Trenton county courthouse.
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

Grundy County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Grundy County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Trenton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Grundy County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29081 · Bethany

Harrison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Harrison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Bethany county courthouse.
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

Harrison County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Harrison County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Bethany. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Harrison County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29083 · Clinton

Henry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Henry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Clinton county courthouse.
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

Henry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Henry County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Clinton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Henry County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29085 · Hermitage

Hickory County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Hickory County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermitage county courthouse.
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

Hickory County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Hickory County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Hermitage. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Hickory County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29087 · Oregon

Holt County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Holt County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Oregon county courthouse.
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

Holt County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Holt County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Oregon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Holt County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29089 · Fayette

Howard County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Howard County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fayette county courthouse.
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

Howard County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Howard County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Fayette. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Howard County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29091 · West Plains

Howell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Howell County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the West Plains county courthouse.
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

Howell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Howell County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is West Plains. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Howell County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29093 · Ironton

Iron County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Iron County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Ironton county courthouse.
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

Iron County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Iron County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Ironton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Iron County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29103 · Edina

Knox County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Knox County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Edina county courthouse.
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

Knox County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Knox County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Edina. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Knox County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29105 · Lebanon

Laclede County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Laclede County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lebanon county courthouse.
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

Laclede County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Laclede County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Lebanon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Laclede County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29107 · Lexington

Lafayette County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Lafayette County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lexington county courthouse.
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

Lafayette County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lafayette County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Lexington. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lafayette County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29109 · Mount Vernon

Lawrence County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Lawrence County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Mount Vernon county courthouse.
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

Lawrence County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lawrence County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Mount Vernon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lawrence County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29111 · Monticello

Lewis County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Lewis County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Monticello county courthouse.
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

Lewis County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lewis County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Monticello. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lewis County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29115 · Linneus

Linn County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Linn County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Linneus county courthouse.
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

Linn County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Linn County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Linneus. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Linn County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29117 · Chillicothe

Livingston County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Livingston County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Chillicothe county courthouse.
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

Livingston County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Livingston County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Chillicothe. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Livingston County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29119 · Pineville

McDonald County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — McDonald County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Pineville county courthouse.
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

McDonald County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. McDonald County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Pineville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the McDonald County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29121 · Macon

Macon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Macon County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Macon county courthouse.
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

Macon County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Macon County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Macon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Macon County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29123 · Fredericktown

Madison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Madison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fredericktown county courthouse.
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

Madison County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Madison County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Fredericktown. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Madison County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29125 · Vienna

Maries County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Maries County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Vienna county courthouse.
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

Maries County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Maries County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Vienna. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Maries County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29127 · Palmyra

Marion County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Marion County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Palmyra county courthouse.
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

Marion County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Marion County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Palmyra. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Marion County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29129 · Princeton

Mercer County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Mercer County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Princeton county courthouse.
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

Mercer County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Mercer County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Princeton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Mercer County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29131 · Tuscumbia

Miller County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Miller County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Tuscumbia county courthouse.
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

Miller County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Miller County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Tuscumbia. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Miller County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29133 · Charleston

Mississippi County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Mississippi County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Charleston county courthouse.
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

Mississippi County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Mississippi County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Charleston. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Mississippi County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29135 · California

Moniteau County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Moniteau County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the California county courthouse.
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

Moniteau County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Moniteau County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is California. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Moniteau County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29137 · Paris

Monroe County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Monroe County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Paris county courthouse.
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

Monroe County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Monroe County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Paris. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Monroe County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29139 · Montgomery City

Montgomery County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Montgomery County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Montgomery City county courthouse.
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

Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Montgomery County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Montgomery City. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Montgomery County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29141 · Versailles

Morgan County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Morgan County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Versailles county courthouse.
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

Morgan County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Morgan County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Versailles. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Morgan County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29143 · New Madrid

New Madrid County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — New Madrid County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the New Madrid county courthouse.
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

New Madrid County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. New Madrid County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is New Madrid. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the New Madrid County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29147 · Maryville

Nodaway County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Nodaway County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Nodaway County through available sources. Operators in the City of Maryville should check Maryville municipal code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Nodaway County. Missouri §196.298 expressly bars local health department regulation of cottage food production. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment removed the sales cap and added online in-state sales per MDHSS guidance; however the statute text on revisor.mo.gov still shows the $50,000 cap, so medium confidence on current cap status. City of Maryville has its own regulations not researched here.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.nodawaycounty.org

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29149 · Alton

Oregon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Oregon County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Oregon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance. No zoning office found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Oregon County is one of Missouri's smallest and most rural counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29151 · Linn

Osage County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Osage County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Osage County. Operators in the City of Linn should check Linn municipal code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Osage County. Missouri §196.298 expressly bars local health department regulation of cottage food production. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29153 · Gainesville

Ozark County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ozark County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Ozark County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ozark County is a very rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29155 · Caruthersville

Pemiscot County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County. Operators in Caruthersville should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pemiscot County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29157 · Perryville

Perry County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Perry County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Perry County. Operators in Perryville should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Perry County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29159 · Sedalia

Pettis County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sedalia (county seat) and unincorporated Pettis County may have separate home occupation rules; no specific county ordinance was identified in available sources.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pettis County. Operators in Sedalia should check Sedalia city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pettis County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29161 · Rolla

Phelps County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Phelps County includes the city of Rolla (home to Missouri S&T); no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Phelps County. Operators in Rolla should check Rolla city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Phelps County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29163 · Bowling Green

Pike County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pike County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pike County. Operators in Bowling Green should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pike County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29167 · Bolivar

Polk County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Polk County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Polk County. Operators in Bolivar should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Polk County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29171 · Unionville

Putnam County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Putnam County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Putnam County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Putnam County is among Missouri's least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29173 · New London

Ralls County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ralls County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ralls County. Operators in New London should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Ralls County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29175 · Huntsville

Randolph County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Randolph County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Randolph County. Operators in Huntsville or Moberly should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Randolph County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29177 · Richmond

Ray County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ray County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ray County. Operators in Richmond should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Ray County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29179 · Centerville

Reynolds County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Reynolds County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Reynolds County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Reynolds County is one of Missouri's most rural counties in the Ozarks. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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Ripley County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ripley County is a rural south-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Ripley County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ripley County is a rural Ozark-border county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29185 · Osceola

St. Clair County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Clair County is a rural west-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — St. Clair County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. St. Clair County is a rural west-central Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29186 · Ste. Genevieve

Ste. Genevieve County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ste. Genevieve is Missouri's oldest settlement and a National Historic Landmark District; no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ste. Genevieve County. Operators within the City of Ste. Genevieve (which has a National Historic Landmark District) should check city code and historic district regulations separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ste. Genevieve County includes Missouri's oldest city with a National Historic Landmark District, which may impose additional restrictions on home-based businesses within the city. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated areas. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29195 · Marshall

Saline County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Saline County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Saline County. Operators in Marshall should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Saline County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29197 · Lancaster

Schuyler County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Schuyler County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Schuyler County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Schuyler County is one of Missouri's least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29199 · Memphis

Scotland County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Scotland County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Scotland County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Scotland County is among Missouri's least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29201 · Benton

Scott County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Scott County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Scott County. Operators in Sikeston or Benton should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Scott County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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Shannon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shannon County is a rural Ozark county known for the Jacks Fork River; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Shannon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Shannon County is a very rural Ozark county with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29205 · Shelbyville

Shelby County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shelby County is a rural north-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Shelby County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Shelby County is a rural north-central Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29207 · Bloomfield

Stoddard County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Stoddard County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Stoddard County. Operators in Bloomfield, Dexter, or Sikeston (partial) should check applicable city codes separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Stoddard County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29209 · Galena

Stone County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office in Galena (417-357-8402) with a Regulations and Comprehensive Plan; however, no specific home occupation permit fee or ordinance details were identified for unincorporated areas in available sources.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. Stone County Health Department maintains separate food ordinance for permitted establishments; cottage foods are exempt.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office at 112 E. 5th Street, Galena MO (417-357-8402). Zoning regulations and a Comprehensive Plan exist; however, specific home occupation permit requirements were not identified in available sources. Operators should contact Stone County P&Z directly to confirm requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Stone County has an active Planning and Zoning office with regulations, but specific home occupation permit requirements were not found in available sources. The Stone County Health Department has a Food Ordinance for licensed food establishments, but cottage food operations under §196.298 are exempt from local health department regulation. Operators should contact Stone County P&Z at 417-357-8402. Medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com
https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm
https://stonecountymo.gov
https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298
https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf
https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm
https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com/health-codes-ordinances/

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29211 · Milan

Sullivan County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sullivan County is a rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Sullivan County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Sullivan County is a rural north Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29215 · Houston

Texas County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Texas County is a large rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Texas County is the largest county in Missouri by land area and is entirely rural. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29217 · Nevada

Vernon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Vernon County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Vernon County. Operators in Nevada should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Vernon County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29219 · Warrenton

Warren County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · HIGH

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Warren County has a zoning ordinance requiring a home occupation permit (Warren County Code §180-17) for businesses operated in residential dwellings.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Warren County Code §180-17 requires a home occupation permit ($100 fee) for businesses operated in a residential dwelling. Conditions: (1) use must be entirely within the dwelling unit, clearly incidental and subordinate to residential use; (2) no more than 25% of floor area used for the home occupation; (3) only family members residing on the premises may be engaged in the occupation; (4) no change in outside appearance except one nonilluminated sign up to 2 sq. ft.; (5) no noisy/odorous equipment detectable outside; (6) no traffic generation exceeding normal residential levels; off-street parking required. Certificate of Zoning application submitted to Warren County Planning and Zoning Department. Unincorporated Warren County does not require a Certificate of Occupancy. Also available: By-Right permit ($100), Mobile Food Establishment permit ($50). Cities within Warren County (Warrenton, etc.) have separate rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed. Warren County zoning conditions limit traffic to normal residential volumes.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Warren County Code §180-17: only family members residing on premises may be engaged in the home occupation (no non-family employees).

Relevant county code

Warren County Code §180-17 (Home Occupations); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Warren County home occupation permit requirements confirmed via Certificate of Zoning application form (warrencountysheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Certificate-of-Zoning) which cites Warren County Code §180-17 and lists specific conditions. Planning and Zoning office confirmed active at warrencountymo.org with 2021 Updated Zoning Codes and 2025/2026 amendments. $100 permit fee confirmed. Unincorporated county does not require Certificate of Occupancy per county website. Missouri §196.298 state baseline also applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://warrencountymo.org/planning-and-zoning/

https://warrencountymo.org

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

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

https://warrencountymo.org/planning-and-zoning/

https://warrencountysheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Certificate-of-Zoning

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29221 · Potosi

Washington County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Washington County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Washington County. Operators in Potosi should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Washington County is a rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29223 · Greenville

Wayne County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Wayne County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Wayne County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Wayne County is a rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29225 · Marshfield

Webster County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Webster County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Webster County. Operators in Marshfield should check city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Webster County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29227 · Grant City

Worth County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Worth County is one of Missouri's smallest counties; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Worth County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Worth County is one of Missouri's least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29229 · Hartville

Wright County

Population 0 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a $50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Wright County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Wright County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Wright County is a rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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