

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+	58	2026-05-05

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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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 58 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	ENACTED
Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298	2014
LAST AMENDED	CONFIDENCE
2022	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 58 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 preempts 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.
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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>

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>

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.
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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
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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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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>

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

Table with 2 columns: Category (HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED, SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN, PET RESTRICTIONS, WATER SUPPLY, HANDWASHING, FOOD STORAGE) and Description (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). no No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply. Potable water supply required. Adequate handwashing per food safety practices. 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>

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>

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>

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>

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.
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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>

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.
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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>

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

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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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.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
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