

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+	57	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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

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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 57 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 57 Missouri counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29091 · West Plains

Howell County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Iron County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29103 · Edina

Knox County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29105 · Lebanon

Laclede County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Lafayette County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29109 · Mount Vernon

Lawrence County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29111 · Monticello

Lewis County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Linn County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29117 · Chillicothe

Livingston County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29119 · Pineville

McDonald County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Macon County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29123 · Fredericktown

Madison County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29125 · Vienna

Maries County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Marion County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29129 · Princeton

Mercer County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29131 · Tuscumbia

Miller County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Mississippi County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29135 · California

Moniteau County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29137 · Paris

Monroe County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

Montgomery County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29141 · Versailles

Morgan County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf
https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29143 · New Madrid

New Madrid County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE no

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Nodaway County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nodawaycounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29149 · Alton

Oregon County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Oregon County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29151 · Linn

Osage County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29153 · Gainesville

Ozark County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29155 · Caruthersville

Pemiscot County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29157 · Perryville

Perry County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29159 · Sedalia

Pettis County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29161 · Rolla

Phelps County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Phelps County includes the city of Rolla (home to Missouri S&T); no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
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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. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Phelps County. Operators in Rolla should check Rolla city code separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29163 · Bowling Green

Pike County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29167 · Bolivar

Polk County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Polk County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29171 · Unionville

Putnam County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29173 · New London

Ralls County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ralls County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29175 · Huntsville

Randolph County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29177 · Richmond

Ray County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ray County.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 29179 · Centerville

Reynolds County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 29181 · Doniphan

Ripley County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ripley County is a rural south-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 29185 · Osceola

St. Clair County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29186 · Ste. Genevieve

Ste. Genevieve County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ste. Genevieve is Missouri's oldest settlement and a National Historic Landmark District; no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
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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. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ste. Genevieve County. Operators within the City of Ste. Genevieve (which has a National Historic Landmark District) should check city code and historic district regulations separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	unknown

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29195 · Marshall

Saline County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29197 · Lancaster

Schuyler County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29199 · Memphis

Scotland County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Scotland County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

WATER SUPPLY No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Scott County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29203 · Eminence

Shannon County

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shannon County is a rural Ozark county known for the Jacks Fork River; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

WATER SUPPLY No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Shelby County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29207 · Bloomfield

Stoddard County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29209 · Galena

Stone County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com>

<https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm>

<https://stonecountymo.gov>

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

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

<https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm>

<https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com/health-codes-ordinances/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29211 · Milan

Sullivan County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29215 · Houston

Texas County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Vernon County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29219 · Warrenton

Warren County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://warrencountymo.org>

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

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29221 · Potosi

Washington County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29223 · Greenville

Wayne County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29225 · Marshfield

Webster County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29227 · Grant City

Worth County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	unknown

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 29229 · Hartville

Wright County

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

Home kitchen rules

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

HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

RESEARCH NOTES

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

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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