

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Forrest County, Mississippi?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Varies	Varies	\$35,000 / year

MISSISSIPPI RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Mississippi cottage food law page](#)

[Mississippi State Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Forrest County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Forrest County, Mississippi. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$35,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Mississippi registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Mississippi prohibits Internet sales, mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales. Cottage food products may only be sold through in-person direct-to-consumer channels including events, farmers markets, home sales, and roadside stands. Advertising on the Internet including social media is permitted even though sales through those channels are not.

Mississippi permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/mississippi.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/mississippi

Mississippi State Department of Health: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

Statute: [Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No state-level home occupation permit required. Forrest County may have local zoning requirements. No Forrest County-specific cottage food ordinance found.

Health

Upon-complaint. MSDH may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspection required.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

MSDH permits food establishments. Mississippi cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a food establishment permitted by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Official source: [MSDH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.forrestcounty.ms>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.forrestcounty.ms>

https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html

<https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

Forrest County and nearby places

Regulation	Forrest County	Jones County	Lamar County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.	Not specified in state law	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.	Direct-to-consumer only; no internet or mail order sales	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, and events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesal...	Annual sales cap \$35,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales...	Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No reg...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.	Non-PHF shelf-stable products; appropriate storage required	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required
POPULATION	77,917	67,152	64,425

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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