

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$35,000 / year

MISSISSIPPI RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Mississippi permits PDF](#)[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 Hancock County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Hancock 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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[Hancock County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/mississippi/hancock-county>

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 permit is required for cottage food operations under Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. However, Hancock County (unincorporated areas) may require a local business license or permit — producers should contact the Hancock County chancery clerk or board of supervisors to determine if a business license is required. Incorporated municipalities within the county may have additional zoning or business license requirements.

Health

Upon-complaint. MSDH has authority to investigate upon complaint of unsafe food or violation of Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951. No routine scheduled inspections.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sales. No wholesale or retail establishment sales. Sales must occur within Mississippi only.

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.hancockcounty.gov>

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.hancockcounty.gov>

<https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,77,620.html>

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

Hancock County and nearby places

Regulation	Hancock County	Pearl River County	Stone County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
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 only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal...	Direct sales only: at home, farmers markets, events. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.	Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen...	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. An...	Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...
POPULATION	46,010	56,351	18,360

More pages for this place

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

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

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