

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Cass County, Missouri?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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MISSOURI RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Missouri permits PDF](#)[Missouri cottage food law page](#)[Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Cass County, Missouri. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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

Missouri registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: 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.

Missouri permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/missouri

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

Statute: [Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Harrisonville and other municipalities in Cass County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri state law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Cass County cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted (2022 amendment). Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298 (though some counties may have a separate individual-stands law).

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is a food establishment. Cottage food is not. Missouri cottage food is not a food-service establishment. A rented kitchen is permitted by the local health department or DHSS.

Official source: [Missouri DHSS food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.casscounty.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.casscounty.gov>

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

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

Cass County and nearby places

Regulation	Cass County	Johnson County	Henry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.	No specific MO state or Johnson County rule.	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted (2022 amendment). Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores...	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298 (separate individual-...	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned...	Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and...	Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods r...
FOOD STORAGE	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed. All other food types (candies, acidified foods, pickles, salsas, etc.) are ...	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.
POPULATION	108,205	54,025	22,064

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