

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Jackson 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 Jackson County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Jackson 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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Missouri permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf>

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<https://crosodo.com/states/missouri>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/missouri/jackson-county>

Jackson County cottage food law page →

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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. State preemption prevents local health department regulation. However, Kansas City and Jackson County may have home occupation permit requirements for the business activity itself (separate from food safety). Contact Kansas City Planning & Development or Jackson County Planning for applicable home occupation rules.

Planning: <https://www.jacksongov.org/planning>

Health

No. State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspections.

Health: <https://www.jacksongov.org/health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer: home pickup, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (2022 amendment). No wholesale, no events, no roadside stands under §196.298. Note: a separate Missouri individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some county areas.

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.jacksongov.org/health>

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.jacksongov.org/health>

<https://www.jacksongov.org/planning>

<https://www.jacksongov.org>

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

Jackson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jackson County	Clay County	Cass County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; standard sanitation	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be clean	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer: home pickup, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (2022 amendment). No wholesale, no events, no roadside stan...	Direct sales only: home pickup, delivery, online/in-state shipping (as of 2022 HB 1697). No farmers markets, events, or restaurants under \$...	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted (2022 amendment). Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri's §196.298 limits cottage food to non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. No registration, permit, or fe...	Under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams/jellies, and dried her...	Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices	Nonperishable shelf-stable foods only under primary statute; baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed. All other food types (candies, acidified foods, pickles, salsas, etc.) are ...
POPULATION	715,526	253,085	108,205

More pages for this place

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

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Missouri cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/missouri

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