

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Adams County

Mississippi · Natchez · FIPS 28001 · Population 28,674 ·  
Crosodo Index #2622\*

## STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

## STATE TIER

Good

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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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.

## MISSISSIPPI: ADAMS COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Mississippi cottage food law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production and direct-to-consumer sales of nonpotentially hazardous foods with a \$35,000 annual sales cap. Internet sales, mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales are prohibited. Natchez (county seat of Adams County) has its own zoning ordinance governing home occupations: Home Occupations are businesses that do not require customers to come on-site and have no signage or commercial vehicles. Home Businesses (like physician offices or salons) are permitted case-by-case in certain residential districts. Table 11.2.2 of the Natchez Zoning Ordinance shows Home Occupation as permitted (P) in most residential districts. Operators should contact the Natchez Planning Department to confirm zoning and permit requirements.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Mississippi law.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Natchez (City of Natchez in Adams County) requires zoning compliance for home-based businesses. Home Occupations are permitted in residential zones but must not require customers on-site, have no exterior signage, and no commercial vehicles. Home Businesses (broader category) require case-by-case approval. Contact Natchez Planning Department for permit application requirements. Unincorporated Adams County (outside Natchez city limits) may not have a county-level zoning ordinance; operators should verify with Adams County.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Mississippi MSDH may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections required under §75-29-951.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Mississippi law.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement for Mississippi cottage food operations.

## HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices expected; no specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food.

## FOOD STORAGE

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination per good manufacturing practices.

## Inspection & permitting

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — Mississippi MSDH may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections required under §75-29-951.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Yes — Natchez (City of Natchez in Adams County) requires zoning compliance for home-based businesses. Home Occupations are permitted in residential zones but must not require customers on-site, have no exterior signage, and no commercial vehicles. Home Businesses (broader category) require case-by-case approval. Contact Natchez Planning Department for permit application requirements. Unincorporated Adams County (outside Natchez city limits) may not have a county-level zoning ordinance; operators should verify with Adams County. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Mississippi cottage food law requires direct-to-consumer sales only; home pickup is permitted. Internet sales and mail order are prohibited. Natchez Home Occupation definition suggests customers should not typically come on-site; however, cottage food law permits direct sales from home. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §75-29-951.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951; City of Natchez Zoning Ordinance Table 11.2.2

### RESEARCH NOTES

Mississippi state baseline applied. Natchez zoning confirms Home Occupation is permitted (P) in most residential districts per Table 11.2.2 of the zoning ordinance; Home Occupations defined as businesses not requiring customers on-site, no signage, no commercial vehicles. Home Businesses are case-by-case. Cottage food direct-to-consumer home sales may trigger a distinction from the typical Home Occupation definition since customers may pick up at home. Operators in Natchez should verify with city Planning Department. Unincorporated Adams County zoning status not confirmed. Mississippi §75-29-951 \$35,000 annual sales cap applies.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://natchez.ms.us/FAQ.aspx?QID=118>

<https://natchez.ms.us>

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

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

<https://natchez.ms.us/FAQ.aspx?QID=118>

<https://natchez.ms.us/DocumentCenter/View/1048>

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## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Adams County                                                                                                                                   | Franklin County                                                                                                                                | Jefferson County                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Mississippi law.                                                     | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | No                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Mississippi cottage food law requires direct-to-consumer sales only; home pickup is permitted. Internet sales and mail order are prohibited... | 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. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Unknown                                                                                                                                        | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Mississippi cottage food law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production and direct-to-consumer sales of nonpotentially hazardous foods wi... | Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen... | 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               | Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination per good manufacturing practices.                                                    | 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 foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)... |
| POPULATION                 | 29,425                                                                                                                                         | 7,690                                                                                                                                          | 7,207                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Adams County's rules sit on top of Mississippi's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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### STATUTE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

35000

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — 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.

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Mississippi cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

State dept cottage food page: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/mississippi/>

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## Classifieds

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[crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/adams-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/adams-county-discuss)

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