

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

DeSoto County

Mississippi · Hernando · FIPS 28033 · Population 186,214 ·
Crosodo Index #1804*

STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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.

How to start — 60-second path

DeSoto County, Mississippi — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

35000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

**No explicit state pet restriction;
standard food safety practices apply.**

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Mississippi cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Mississippi home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Mississippi label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Certain items (nut butters, juices) flagged as prohibited by MSDH.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state pet restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (DeSoto County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance found. County URLs were blank in input data (note: input data had parsing issues with this entry). State law does not require registration for cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MSDH may investigate upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Certain items (nut butters, juices) flagged as prohibited by MSDH.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state pet restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; products must not require refrigeration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MSDH may investigate upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — DeSoto County may require a home occupation permit for home-based businesses under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance found. County URLs were blank in input data (note: input data had parsing issues with this entry). State law does not require registration for cottage food operations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct in-person sales only from home, farmers markets, or similar direct venues. No online, mail order, or wholesale sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified; household operation implied.

Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951; no county-specific code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

The actual state_dept_cottage_url is msdh.ms.gov. DeSoto County is a large suburban county adjacent to Memphis, TN. State baseline of \$35,000 cap and direct-sales-only applies. No county-specific overrides found. State baseline note: 2020 amendment reportedly expanded the law but the current statute maintains the \$35,000 annual sales cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.desotocountymiss.gov>

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/>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/desoto-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	DeSoto County	Marshall County	Tate County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state pet restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	Not specified 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 in-person sales only from home, farmers markets, or similar direct venues. No online, mail order, or wholesale sales permitted.	Direct sales only. In-person sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, and events are permitted. No internet/mail-order sal...	In-person direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted under state law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail esta...	Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen...	Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual gross sales cap \$35,000. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no inter...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; products must not require refrigeration.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and not require refrigeration.
POPULATION	186,214	33,980	28,094

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

DeSoto 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.

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.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Mississippi cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/mississippi.

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/>

Questions about DeSoto County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/desoto-county-discuss

Classifieds

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Reach home bakers in DeSoto County, Mississippi. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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