

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hinds County

Mississippi · Jackson · FIPS 28049 · Population 226,541 ·
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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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Hinds County includes the state capital Jackson; no county-specific cottage food overrides documented.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hinds County and City of Jackson zoning rules apply. Jackson may require a business license or home occupation permit. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state registration exemption. Operators should verify with Hinds County or their municipal planning/zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness. No routine inspections for cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific water testing requirement documented for Mississippi cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

FOOD STORAGE

Products must be stored to prevent contamination; no state-mandated specific storage requirements documented for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, or wholesale channels allowed under state law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee limit in Mississippi cottage food statute; home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

No specific Hinds County code section identified for cottage food beyond state law.

RESEARCH NOTES

County seat (Jackson) inferred from known geography; FIPS 28049 is Hinds County with county seat Jackson. Mississippi state baseline applied. No Hinds County-specific cottage food pages or overrides found. ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hindscountymiss.com>

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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? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/hinds-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Hinds County	Rankin County	Madison County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet sales, mail order, or wholesale cha...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales. No geographic restriction within Mississippi note...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted. In-person direct sales on...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. Direct ...	Mississippi allows cottage food from home kitchens. Annual sales cap \$35,000. Allowed non-PHF products: baked goods (breads, cakes, cookies...	Mississippi allows nonpotentially hazardous foods sold directly to consumers. Annual sales cap of \$35,000. No registration required. No foo...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored to prevent contamination; no state-mandated specific storage requirements documented for cottage food.	Non-PHF foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only. Perishable baked goods, TCS foods, nut butters, and juices prohibited.
POPULATION	226,541	157,185	109,257

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Hinds 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](#).

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? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Hinds County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

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