

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jackson County

Mississippi · Pascagoula · FIPS 28059 · Population 143,721 ·
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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 (Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific county-level cottage food permit identified for Jackson County. County and city zoning ordinances in unincorporated areas or Pascagoula city limits may require a home occupation permit. Jackson County zoning ordinance not specifically researched.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MSDH may inspect upon consumer complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good manufacturing practices; no specific state-mandated facility standard beyond sanitary conditions.
FOOD STORAGE	All products must be non-potentially hazardous (shelf-stable). Stored in food-safe sealed containers.

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	Direct sales only — at farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup. No online sales, mail order, or wholesale allowed under the cottage food exemption.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Not identified; state law (Miss. Code §75-29-951) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (MS) confirmed: Miss. Code §75-29-951, \$35,000 annual cap, direct sales only. Input data had malformed fields (county_govt_url showing 'Mississippi State Department of Health', county_health_url showing 'Good') indicating data entry errors. No county-specific URLs available. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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/jackson-county-discuss>

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Jackson 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/>

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