

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jones County

Mississippi · Laurel · FIPS 28067 · Population 67,152 ·
Crosodo Index #2343*

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.

MISSISSIPPI: JONES COUNTY

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Population 67,152 · State baseline: Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Annual sales cap \$35,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale, no indirect sales. Non-PHF foods only. Prohibited: PHF requiring refrigeration, nut butters, juices, internet/mail order sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Note: batch input had data corruption (county_govt_url showing 'Mississippi State Department of Health' text). Jones County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. Cities of Laurel and Ellisville have their own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable products; appropriate storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Note: batch input had data corruption (county_govt_url showing 'Mississippi State Department of Health' text). Jones County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. Cities of Laurel and Ellisville have their own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no internet or mail order sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Mississippi Good-tier state with \$35,000 cap. Jones County seat is Laurel (input showed blank). Internet/mail order sales prohibited. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.jones.ms.us>

<https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jones County	Forrest County	Covington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary practices apply.	No specific pet restriction 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-to-consumer only; no internet or mail order sales	Direct sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.	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	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual sales cap \$35,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint only. Direct-to-consumer sales...	Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesal...	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	Non-PHF shelf-stable products; appropriate storage required	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...
POPULATION	67,152	77,917	18,323

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Jones 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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<https://crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/jones-county-discuss>

Classifieds

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