

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lafayette County

Mississippi · Oxford · FIPS 28071 · Population 56,172 ·
Crosodo Index #2550*

STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951 (annual cap \$35,000)

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

35000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific MS state or Lafayette County restriction found.

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.

MISSISSIPPI: LAFAYETTE COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Nonpotentially hazardous foods only. Annual cap \$35,000. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail). No registration required. Oxford (county seat) is a college town (University of Mississippi) with potentially active farmers market scene.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific MS state or Lafayette County restriction found.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lafayette County/Oxford may have local home occupation permit requirements. City of Oxford has active business licensing for commercial activity. Contact Lafayette County/Oxford government.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MS state or Lafayette County restriction found.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MSDH may investigate upon consumer complaint or foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lafayette County/Oxford may have local home occupation permit requirements. City of Oxford has active business licensing for commercial activity. Contact Lafayette County/Oxford government.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in MS statute.

Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951; no Lafayette County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Lafayette County (Oxford) is home to the University of Mississippi. No county-specific cottage food overrides found. State baseline applies. The \$35,000 cap is confirmed in current statute. Input batch had formatting errors in state URL fields; confirmed actual MSDH URL. Some items may require lab testing to confirm non-PHF status.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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/lafayette-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lafayette County	Calhoun County	Marshall County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific MS state or Lafayette County restriction found.	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Mississippi law.	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	Unknown	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.	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...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Unknown	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only. Annual cap \$35,000. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail). No registration...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products.	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)...
POPULATION	56,172	13,193	33,980

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

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

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Classifieds

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