

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lamar County

Mississippi · Purvis · FIPS 28073 · Population 64,425 ·
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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 (Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No registration required. Complaint-based inspection only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lamar County is in south Mississippi near Hattiesburg. No specific county-level home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Lamar County Planning at (601) 794-8504.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Complaint-based inspection by MSDH)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No registration required. Complaint-based inspection only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Complaint-based inspection by MSDH
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lamar County is in south Mississippi near Hattiesburg. No specific county-level home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Lamar County Planning at (601) 794-8504.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, and events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Lamar County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Mississippi §75-29-951: \$35,000 annual cap, direct sales only, no internet/wholesale. Note: input had malformed CSV data for this county (county_govt_url showed as 'Mississippi State Department of Health'). Lamar County is a growing suburban county south of Hattiesburg. No county-specific overrides found. State dept URL from baseline is msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite (old URL in input was incorrect).

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/lamar-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lamar County	Pearl River County	Forrest County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.	Not specified in state statute, but standard sanitary 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	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, and events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.	Direct sales only: at home, farmers markets, events. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.	Direct sales to consumers only. In-person sales at home, farmers markets, events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No reg...	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. An...	Non-potentially hazardous food products as defined by MSDH. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only — no internet, mail order, wholesal...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	64,425	56,351	77,917

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Lamar 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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