

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lee County

Mississippi · Tupelo · FIPS 28081 · Population 83,343 ·
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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 cottage food: production from home kitchen, non-PHF foods only, direct sales within Mississippi only, \$35,000 annual sales cap. Allowed foods include baked goods, candies, condiments, dried goods, fermented foods, preserves, snacks. Internet/mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales are all prohibited. No registration required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lee County and the City of Tupelo may have home occupation ordinances. No specific Lee County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Lee County Planning or City of Tupelo planning/zoning offices.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection. MSDH may investigate upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. MSDH may investigate upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	In-person direct sales only: at home, at events, at farmers markets. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

No Lee County-specific cottage food code identified. Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lee County (Tupelo - birthplace of Elvis Presley) follows Mississippi cottage food law. Note: the input had scrambled field data for this county (the county_govt_url, county_health_url fields appeared to contain state dept name and tier text respectively, which are data entry errors). The MSDH state URL in input was also incorrect (public water supply page); the correct MSDH cottage food page is msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html per research. \$35,000 annual cap confirmed. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from Justia; county-level rules not verified.

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/lee-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lee County	Chickasaw County	Itawamba County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food 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	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	In-person direct sales only: at home, at events, at farmers markets. 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...	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	Mississippi cottage food: production from home kitchen, non-PHF foods only, direct sales within Mississippi only, \$35,000 annual sales cap....	Mississippi Cottage Food Law (Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951) allows sale of non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in a private home kitchen...	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	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Must be stored in private home (kitchen or attached rooms used exclusively for storage)...
POPULATION	83,343	17,024	23,888

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Lee 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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