

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pearl River County

Mississippi · Poplarville · FIPS 28109 · Population 56,351 ·
Crosodo Index #2547*

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

Pearl River 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 Pearl River 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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. Annual cap \$35,000. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail). No registration required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific Pearl River County ordinance identified for cottage food home occupations. County may have general home business zoning provisions. Contact Pearl River County government in Poplarville.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. Annual cap \$35,000. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail). No registration required.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement; primary residence.

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation practices; no formal requirement.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.

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 home, farmers markets, events. 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 Pearl River County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pearl River County is a rural south Mississippi county. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies: \$35,000 annual cap confirmed in current §75-29-951 (2024 code). The actual MSDH cottage food URL is msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html. Nut butters and juices have been flagged as prohibited by MSDH health department. Some items may require lab testing.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pearlrivercounty.net>

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/pearl-river-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pearl River County	Lamar County	Forrest County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	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 only: at home, farmers markets, events. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, and events. No internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales.	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	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. An...	Non-PHF foods only. \$35,000 annual sales cap. Direct sales only (no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales). No reg...	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-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	56,351	64,425	77,917

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

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

crosodo.com/nb/mississippi/pearl-river-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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SUPPLIES

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Advertise here — Insurance

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LOCAL

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Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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