

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Sunflower County

Mississippi · Indianola · FIPS 28133 · Population 23,029 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

## STATE TIER

Good

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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 (Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual gross sales cap \$35,000. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishments). Products must be sold in person.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (No specific Sunflower County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Indianola may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Sunflower County planning/zoning department.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual gross sales cap \$35,000. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishments). Products must be sold in person.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Not specified in state cottage food law.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard sanitation practices; not specifically required by statute.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and not require refrigeration.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint — No routine inspection. MSDH may inspect upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — No specific Sunflower County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Indianola may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Sunflower County planning/zoning department.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	In-person direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted under state law.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state cottage food law.

## Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinances found for Sunflower County. Sunflower County is in the Mississippi Delta region. Governance follows state law. Recommend verifying with Sunflower County Board of Supervisors and City of Indianola for any local business license requirements.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

[https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/30,0,77,620.html](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/sunflower-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sunflower County	Bolivar County	Coahoma County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	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	In-person direct-to-consumer sales only. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales permitted under state 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	Conditional	Unknown	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Unknown	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual gross sales cap \$35,000. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no inter...	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	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and not require refrigeration.	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	25,867	30,688	21,264

## State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Sunflower 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> 35000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> No	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> 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.	

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Mississippi cottage food law report](#).

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### 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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