

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Webster County

Mississippi · Walthall · FIPS 28155 · Population 10,039 ·  
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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 Webster County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Walthall may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Webster 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

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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — No specific Webster County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Walthall may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Webster 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 Webster County. Located in north-central Mississippi. Governance follows state law. Recommend verifying with Webster County Board of Supervisors and Town of Walthall for any local business license requirements.

**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/webster-county-discuss>

## State context — Mississippi cottage food law

Webster 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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