

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Jasper County

Missouri · Carthage · FIPS 29097 · Population 122,788 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no sales cap; no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; limited food categories (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs); local health depts prohibited from regulating

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	—	MEDIUM	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 (Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)). Jasper County follows state baseline.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning home occupation permits may still apply for unincorporated Jasper County. Missouri also allows online/in-state shipping (2022 amendment). No specific Jasper County home occupation details found.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. No inspection required.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law allows home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)). Jasper County follows state baseline.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety handwashing practices; no mandatory certification under MO cottage food law.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable products only. Canned jams/jellies must meet food safety standards.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. No inspection required.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning home occupation permits may still apply for unincorporated Jasper County. Missouri also allows online/in-state shipping (2022 amendment). No specific Jasper County home occupation details found.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri allows direct sales only: from home, online/in-state shipping, farmers markets (added 2022). No events, restaurants, or retail stores under primary statute (§196.298). A separate individual-stands law in some counties may allow broader venue sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (MO tier Great). Missouri’s cottage food law has a narrow approved food list (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) but no cap and preempts local health department regulation. Jasper County includes Joplin (pop ~52K). No county-specific cottage food or planning URLs provided. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jaspercounty.org>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/missouri/jasper-county-discuss>

## State context — Missouri cottage food law

Jasper County's rules sit on top of Missouri'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>	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b>
Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298	—
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Under §196.298, sales must be directly to consumers from the producer's home. Events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are not permitted under this law. Internet/online sales are allowed but only if both the producer and buyer are located in Missouri. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating the production of food at cottage food operations. A separate Missouri statute (individual stands law) allows sales at events and roadside stands in counties that have adopted it, permitting most other nonperishable foods.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/missouri/>

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