

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Missouri

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298	Great	B+	115	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.

## OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

# Missouri Home-Based Kitchen Food Production Guidance

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This document shares the Department of Health and Senior Services' current understanding and interpretation of home-based kitchen food production in Missouri, including the Missouri Cottage Law, raw agricultural commodities, and when local public health agencies or DHSS manufactured foods oversight applies. It does not create or confer any rights and does not bind federal, state, or local food safety regulatory agencies.

## Question and Answer (Q&A)

### Who can sell cottage food items?

- Only the person preparing the food item or a member of their household with extensive knowledge of the food items can sell the cottage food item. This allows for the consumer to have questions answered and make an informed decision about the product.

### Is there a food permit or license for cottage food production operations?

- A cottage food production operation is not a food service establishment and is not regulated by state or local health departments. There is no food permit or license for cottage food production operations, but products must meet the labeling requirements listed by law.

### Can an individual sell cottage food items out of a mobile establishment?

- If local laws allow, individual stands vending non-potentially hazardous foods may be allowed to be sold directly to the end consumer without being subject to regulation and inspection under the exemption in the food code. There are requirements to meet to do so, such as proper labeling and a clearly visible placard at the point of sale that both state the product was prepared in a kitchen not subject to inspection by the department. To learn whether your local laws allow this exemption, please contact your local public health agency.

### What if a cottage food production operation wants to wholesale their product?

- If they are wholesaling product, it no longer falls under the Missouri Cottage Law and will have to be inspected and in compliance with the DHSS manufactured food program.

### If an individual makes fresh salsa on site at a Farmers' Market, can they do so under the Missouri Cottage Law?

- No. Salsa is not a food item exempted by the Missouri Cottage Law. If an individual is making fresh salsa on site at a Farmers' Market, it is considered a food establishment and is subject to food safety regulations and inspection.

### Can meats be sold under the Missouri Cottage Law?

- No. Packages of meat must have a mark of inspection from either the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA).

### Who do I contact if I have questions?

- Individuals can contact their Local Public Health Agency. A directory of local public health departments can be found here: <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/lphas.php>

Reproduced from the official Missouri DHSS Home-Based Kitchen Food Production Guidance (August 2023). Verify current rules with DHSS and your local public health agency.

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## Executive summary

This report covers the Missouri cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 115 Missouri counties included in this dataset.

**ANNUAL SALES CAP**

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**FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION**

No

**DIRECT SALES ONLY**

Yes

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

No

**KITCHEN INSPECTION**

No

**INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)**

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.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Full verbatim statute text retrieved directly from the official Missouri Revisor of Statutes website (revisor.mo.gov). The statute is effective as of August 28, 2022 (amended by HB 1697). The 2022 amendment added online/in-state shipping capabilities (subdivision 5). The input notes '2023 expansion was significant' but the statute page shows the most recent amendment as 2022 (HB 1697). The input’s IJ grade of B+ and tier of 'Great' are consistent with the Forrager description of Missouri as among the most permissive in the Midwest. The state\_dept\_cottage\_url (health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php) returned a 404 error during crawl; an alternative guidance document (health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf) is referenced by Forrager. Missouri notably prohibits local health departments from regulating production at cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)), making it one of the most producer-friendly regulatory frameworks. The statute’s limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the primary restriction, mitigated by the separate individual-stands law available in some counties.

**TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT MISSOURI****SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

Not specified in state data — check county

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Varies by county — see below

**STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?**

No

**HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?**

No

**SALES CAP**

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**ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?**

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.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Varies by county — see county details below

**HOME KITCHEN BASELINE**

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN MISSOURI**

- Missouri is a Great-tier state — high or no sales cap with multiple sales channels allowed.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- Annual sales cap: see statute section.
- Direct vs 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.)

**PORCH / ON-SITE SALES**

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

**RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS**

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Missouri.

# Missouri Revised Statutes §196.298 - Definitions; Cottage Food Production Operation Not Deemed Food Service Establishment; No State or Local Regulation (Title XII, Chapter 196)

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## CITATION

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

## ENACTED

2014

## LAST AMENDED

2022

## CONFIDENCE

HIGH

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### Allowed foods

Under the primary statute (§196.298), only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes are allowed. A separate Missouri cottage food law (applicable in certain counties) allows most other nonperishable foods at events, farmers markets, and roadside stands with very few restrictions.

### Prohibited foods

Under §196.298, all foods beyond baked goods, jams/jellies, and dried herbs are prohibited. Specifically prohibited: candies, chocolate, fudge, brittles, cotton candy, all acidified/low-acid canned foods, pickles, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, fruit butters, applesauce, fermented foods, honey, nut butters, oils, syrups, vinegars, cereals, coffee, dried fruit, dried vegetables, pasta, mixes, carbonated drinks, extracts, popcorn, nuts, seeds, and meat jerkies. Sales through events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are also prohibited under this statute (though permitted under the separate individual-stands law in some counties).

### Labeling requirements

Labels must include the name and address of the cottage food production operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the department or local health department. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is required to promulgate specific labeling rules implementing these requirements. No sales cap applies; no permit, inspection, or training is required.

## Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

### STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

196.298. Definitions — operation not deemed food service establishment, when — no state or local regulation. — 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean: (1) "Baked good", includes cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies, and other items that are prepared by baking the item in an oven. A baked good does not include a potentially hazardous food item as defined by department rule; (2) "Cottage food production operation", an individual operation out of the individual's home who: (a) Produces a baked good, a canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix for sale at the individual's home; and (b) Sells the food produced under paragraph (a) of this subdivision only directly to consumers; (3) "Department", the department of health and senior services; (4) "Home", a primary residence that contains a kitchen and appliances designed for common residential usage. 2. A cottage food production operation is not a food service establishment and shall not be subject to any health or food code laws or regulations of the state or department other than this section and rules promulgated thereunder for a cottage food production operation. 3. (1) A local health department shall not regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation. (2) Each local health department and the department shall maintain a record of a complaint made by a person against a cottage food production operation. 4. The department shall promulgate rules requiring a cottage food production operation to label all of the foods described in this section which the operation intends to sell to consumers. The label shall include the name and address of the cottage food production operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the department or local health department. 5. A cottage food production operation shall not sell any foods described in this section through the internet unless both the cottage food production operation and the purchaser are located in this state. 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the authority of the department of health and senior services or local health departments to conduct an investigation of a food-borne disease or outbreak.

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

### Official sources

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

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

**Extension service** <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-products>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**

## County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 115 Missouri counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index\* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

**MISSOURI: ADAIR COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #852\* · FIPS 29001 · Kirksville

# Adair County

Population 25,660 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 HB 1697 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap. No registration required. No food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Adair County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kirksville (county seat) has its own city zoning; a home occupation permit may be required by the City of Kirksville for running a business from a residential property. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Kirksville city planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 HB 1697 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap. No registration required. No food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Adair County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kirksville (county seat) has its own city zoning; a home occupation permit may be required by the City of Kirksville for running a business from a residential property. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Kirksville city planning.
<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>	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. Delivery to customers allowed. No sales at restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kirksville city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural north-central Missouri county (home of Truman State University). Missouri state baseline governs; no Adair County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Most Missouri rural counties lack county-wide zoning; home occupation rules apply at city level. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping capability.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.adaircountymo.org>
- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: ANDREW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #851\* · FIPS 29003 · Savannah

# Andrew County

Population 18,091 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Andrew County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Savannah (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning for operating a business from a residential property. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
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<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Andrew County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Savannah (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning for operating a business from a residential property. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Savannah city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Andrew County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most rural Missouri counties lack county-wide zoning. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.andrewcountymo.gov>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: ATCHISON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #850\* · FIPS 29005 · Rock Port

# Atchison County

Population 5,139 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Atchison County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Rock Port (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

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<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Atchison County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Rock Port (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Rock Port city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural northwestern Missouri county bordering Iowa and Nebraska (one of MO’s least populous counties). Missouri state baseline governs; no Atchison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most rural Missouri counties lack county-wide zoning. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.atchisoncountymo.com>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: AUDRAIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #849\* · FIPS 29007 · Mexico

# Audrain County

Population 24,304 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Audrain County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Mexico (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Audrain County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Mexico (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

**Relevant county code**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Mexico city zoning ordinance

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Rural north-central Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Audrain County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://www.audraincounty.com>
- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: BARRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #848\* · FIPS 29009 · Cassville

# Barry County

Population 35,618 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Barry County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Cassville (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Barry County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Cassville (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

**Relevant county code**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Cassville city zoning ordinance

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Rural southwestern Missouri county (Ozarks region, near Arkansas border). Missouri state baseline governs; no Barry County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.barrycountymo.gov>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: BARTON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #847\* · FIPS 29011 · Lamar

# Barton County

Population 11,717 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Barton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Lamar (county seat, birthplace of Harry S. Truman) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Barton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Lamar (county seat, birthplace of Harry S. Truman) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Lamar city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Missouri county (borders Kansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Barton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bartoncountymo.com>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: BATES COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #876\* · FIPS 29013 · Butler

# Bates County

Population 16,394 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Bates County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Butler (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Bates County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Butler (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Butler city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural western Missouri county (borders Kansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Bates County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.batescountymo.com>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: BENTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #877\* · FIPS 29015 · Warsaw

# Benton County

Population 20,614 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Benton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Warsaw (county seat, located on Lake of the Ozarks) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Benton County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Warsaw (county seat, located on Lake of the Ozarks) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Warsaw city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Missouri county (Lake of the Ozarks region). Missouri state baseline governs; no Benton County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bentoncountymo.org>

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

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

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**MISSOURI: BOLLINGER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #878\* · FIPS 29017 · Marble Hill

# Bollinger County

Population 10,610 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Bollinger County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Marble Hill (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Bollinger County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Marble Hill (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Marble Hill city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural southeastern Missouri county (Ozarks region). Missouri state baseline governs; no Bollinger County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bollingercounty.org>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: BOONE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1627\* · FIPS 29019 · Columbia

# Boone County

Population 184,043 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Boone County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Columbia (county seat) also requires home occupation permit; businesses must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees, no external signage, limited customer visits. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are distinct.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Boone County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Columbia (county seat) also requires home occupation permit; businesses must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees, no external signage, limited customer visits. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are distinct.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Boone County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law is notably narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) despite being rated ‘Great’ tier — the rating reflects freedom from inspection/registration requirements and no sales cap. Missouri also has a separate food establishment exemption for individual stands in some counties allowing broader foods. Boone County home occupation permit required per CityRuleLookup. State DHSS guidance document confirmed the narrow scope. MO Revised Statute is effective as of August 28, 2022 (amended by HB 1697).

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.boonecountymo.org>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/boone-county-mo>

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

**MISSOURI: BUCHANAN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #940\* · FIPS 29021 · Saint Joseph

# Buchanan County

Population 84,544 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Buchanan County and the City of Saint Joseph may have home occupation permit requirements. No specific Buchanan County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Buchanan County or City of Saint Joseph planning departments.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating production at cottage food operations under §196.298(3)(1).)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No specific statutory requirement.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating production at cottage food operations under §196.298(3)(1).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Buchanan County and the City of Saint Joseph may have home occupation permit requirements. No specific Buchanan County cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Buchanan County or City of Saint Joseph planning departments.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home permitted; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

No Buchanan County-specific cottage food code identified. Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Buchanan County (Saint Joseph metro) follows Missouri cottage food law. County govt URL from input data. No county-specific cottage food overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official Missouri Revisor; county-level rules not verified.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.buchanan.mo.us>

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

<https://www.co.buchanan.mo.us>

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

MISSOURI: BUTLER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #894\* · FIPS 29023 · Poplar Bluff

# Butler County

Population 41,814 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Butler County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Poplar Bluff (county seat, one of the larger cities in this batch) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Poplar Bluff should verify with city planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Butler County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Poplar Bluff (county seat, one of the larger cities in this batch) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Poplar Bluff should verify with city planning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Poplar Bluff city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southeastern Missouri county (Poplar Bluff is a regional hub). Missouri state baseline governs; no Butler County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.butlercountymo.com>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: CALDWELL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #907\* · FIPS 29025 · Kingston

# Caldwell County

Population 9,000 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Caldwell County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kingston (county seat, very small community) and Hamilton/Polo (larger cities in the county) may have city zoning requiring home occupation permits. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Caldwell County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Kingston (county seat, very small community) and Hamilton/Polo (larger cities in the county) may have city zoning requiring home occupation permits. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

**Relevant county code**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kingston/Hamilton city zoning ordinance

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Caldwell County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.caldwellcountymo.com>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: CALLAWAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #906\* · FIPS 29027 · Fulton

# Callaway County

Population 45,126 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Callaway County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Fulton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Fulton should verify with city planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Callaway County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Fulton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in Fulton should verify with city planning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Fulton city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Missouri county (near Jefferson City). Missouri state baseline governs; no Callaway County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.callawaymo.com>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: CAMDEN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #905\* · FIPS 29029 · Camdenton

# Camden County

Population 44,135 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Camden County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Camdenton (county seat) and Lake Ozark/Osage Beach (tourist/resort communities) may require home occupation permits under city or township zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in resort areas should check local rules carefully.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Camden County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Camdenton (county seat) and Lake Ozark/Osage Beach (tourist/resort communities) may require home occupation permits under city or township zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers in resort areas should check local rules carefully.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Camdenton/Lake Ozark city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Popular Lake of the Ozarks resort county in central Missouri. Missouri state baseline governs; no Camden County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Resort/tourist communities may have additional local business rules.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.camdencounty.com>

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1105\* · FIPS 29031 · Jackson

**Cape Girardeau County**Population 81,703 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Cape Girardeau County and the City of Jackson (county seat) plus Cape Girardeau (city) may have home occupation permit requirements. County govt URL: <https://www.capecounty.us>. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production under §196.298(3)(1).)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed under §196.298. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No specific statutory requirement.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production under §196.298(3)(1).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Cape Girardeau County and the City of Jackson (county seat) plus Cape Girardeau (city) may have home occupation permit requirements. County govt URL: <a href="https://www.capecounty.us">https://www.capecounty.us</a> . No specific county cottage food ordinance identified.
<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>	Direct sales from home; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state law.

## Relevant county code

No Cape Girardeau County-specific cottage food code identified. Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs.

### RESEARCH NOTES

Cape Girardeau County (southeastern Missouri, near Missouri-Illinois border) follows Missouri cottage food law. County govt URL from input data. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.capecounty.us>

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

<https://www.capecounty.us>

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

MISSOURI: CARROLL COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #904\* · FIPS 29033 · Carrollton

# Carroll County

Population 8,414 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Carroll County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Carrollton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Carroll County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Carrollton (county seat) may require a home occupation permit under city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Carrollton city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Missouri county. Missouri state baseline governs; no Carroll County-specific cottage food ordinance found. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.carrollcountymo.org>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: CARTER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #903\* · FIPS 29035 · Van Buren

# Carter County

Population 5,359 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Carter County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Van Buren (county seat, very small community on the Current River) may have limited city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Many unincorporated areas have no applicable home occupation rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. Direct-to-consumer sales only (including online/in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment). State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No sales cap, no registration, no food handler cert required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Carter County does not appear to have county-wide zoning. Van Buren (county seat, very small community on the Current River) may have limited city zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Many unincorporated areas have no applicable home occupation rules.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. No sales through restaurants or retail stores under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by Missouri state cottage food law.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Van Buren city zoning ordinance

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural southeastern Missouri Ozarks county (one of Missouri's least populous, ~6,000 residents; borders Arkansas). Missouri state baseline governs; no Carter County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Most of the county is unincorporated forest/Ozark National Scenic Riverways land. State prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cartercountymo.org>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: CASS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #454\* · FIPS 29037 · Harrisonville

# Cass County

Population 108,205 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer only; events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping added by 2022 amendment.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Harrisonville and other municipalities in Cass County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri state law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Cass County cottage food ordinance identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).)

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer only; events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping added by 2022 amendment.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing practices required.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed. All other food types (candies, acidified foods, pickles, salsas, etc.) are prohibited under §196.298.

### Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Conditional — Harrisonville and other municipalities in Cass County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri state law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food, but local zoning/home occupation rules are a separate matter. No specific Cass County cottage food ordinance identified.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted (2022 amendment). Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands are prohibited under §196.298 (though some counties may have a separate individual-stands law).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

No specific Cass County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Cass County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Missouri’s cottage food law has a narrow scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) but no sales cap and expressly prohibits local health regulation. The 2022 amendment (HB 1697) added online/in-state shipping. Cass County is in the Kansas City metro area. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: CEDAR COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1427\* · FIPS 29039 · Stockton

# Cedar County

Population 15,023 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Cedar County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Stockton county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Cedar County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Stockton county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Cedar County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Cedar County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Stockton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Cedar County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

**MISSOURI: CHARITON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1428\* · FIPS 29041 · Keytesville

# Chariton County

Population 7,397 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Chariton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Keytesville county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Chariton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Keytesville county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Chariton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Chariton County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Keytesville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Chariton County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

**MISSOURI: CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #954\* · FIPS 29043 · Ozark

# Christian County

Population 89,568 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Production must occur at a home kitchen. Under §196.298, only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes are allowed. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating production at cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Direct sales only.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law. Standard sanitary practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Christian County and its municipalities (Ozark, Nixa, Battlefield, etc.) may require a home occupation permit or business license for home-based food businesses. No specific Christian County cottage food ordinance was identified. Producers should check with the Christian County Commission or their municipality’s planning/zoning office.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspection authority exists for cottage food operations under §196.298.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Production must occur at a home kitchen. Under §196.298, only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes are allowed. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating production at cottage food operations. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Direct sales only.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law. Standard sanitary practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific statutory requirement beyond standard potable water.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory handwashing infrastructure requirement; good practices expected.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond standard food safety practices.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspection authority exists for cottage food operations under §196.298.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Christian County and its municipalities (Ozark, Nixa, Battlefield, etc.) may require a home occupation permit or business license for home-based food businesses. No specific Christian County cottage food ordinance was identified. Producers should check with the Christian County Commission or their municipality’s planning/zoning office.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online sales with in-state delivery/shipping, and sales at locations the producer attends are all permitted. Retail store and restaurant sales are prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code identified. State law Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 governs and preempts local health department regulation.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Christian County is in the Springfield metro area (fast-growing). Missouri’s cottage food law is favorable: no registration, no inspection, no local health department authority. However, the allowed foods list is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only). No Christian County-specific cottage food rules found. Confidence is medium: state baseline confirmed from official source; county-level zoning/permit rules unverified.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>
- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

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

**MISSOURI: CLARK COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1429\* · FIPS 29045 · Kahoka

# Clark County

Population 6,623 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Clark County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kahoka county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Clark County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kahoka county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Clark County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Clark County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Kahoka. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Clark County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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MISSOURI: CLAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #455\* · FIPS 29047 · Liberty

# Clay County

Population 253,085 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed. Direct sales only. Local health departments cannot regulate production (§196.298(3)(1)). Online/in-state shipping allowed (2022 amendment). No sales cap. May also have access to individual-stands law in some county areas.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be clean

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Clay County and Liberty may require home occupation permits or business licenses under local zoning. State law prohibits local health dept regulation but does not address local zoning. Check with Clay County Planning & Zoning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)))

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes allowed. Direct sales only. Local health departments cannot regulate production (§196.298(3)(1)). Online/in-state shipping allowed (2022 amendment). No sales cap. May also have access to individual-stands law in some county areas.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be clean
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal certification required by state
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Nonperishable shelf-stable foods only under primary statute; baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Local health departments expressly prohibited from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1))
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Clay County and Liberty may require home occupation permits or business licenses under local zoning. State law prohibits local health dept regulation but does not address local zoning. Check with Clay County Planning & Zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only: home pickup, delivery, online/in-state shipping (as of 2022 HB 1697). No farmers markets, events, or restaurants under §196.298 (though separate individual-stands law may allow event sales in some counties).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

**Relevant county code**

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Clay County zoning

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Clay County MO follows the Missouri state baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298). Missouri has one of the nation’s most explicit preemption provisions — local health depts cannot regulate cottage food production. Limited food list under primary statute (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs). No sales cap. No Clay County-specific ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Clay County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.claycountymo.gov>

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

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

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

MISSOURI: CLINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1430\* · FIPS 29049 · Plattsburg

# Clinton County

Population 21,721 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Clinton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Plattsburg county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Clinton County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Plattsburg county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Clinton County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Clinton County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Plattsburg. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Clinton County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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MISSOURI: COLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1107\* · FIPS 29051 · —

# Cole County

Population 76,890 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Limited food scope under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes allowed. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 1697).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified. Good sanitary practices required.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (State law (§196.298(3)(1)) expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. However, local business licensing and zoning may still apply. Cole County (Jefferson City is the county seat and state capital) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Cole County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Note: county seat is blank in input data; Cole County seat is Jefferson City.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No routine inspection.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Limited food scope under §196.298: only nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes allowed. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 1697).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified. Good sanitary practices required.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No food handler certification required.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Nonperishable shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No routine inspection.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — State law (§196.298(3)(1)) expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations. However, local business licensing and zoning may still apply. Cole County (Jefferson City is the county seat and state capital) may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Cole County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Note: county seat is blank in input data; Cole County seat is Jefferson City.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (residence) only under §196.298. Online in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No sales through events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, or roadside stands under this statute (though a separate individual-stands law may permit some sales in some counties).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298. No Cole County-specific code section found.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Cole County is the seat of Missouri’s state government (Jefferson City). Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) has very limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) but no sales cap. State law prohibits local health department regulation. A separate individual-stands law may provide additional options in some counties. County seat blank in source data but is Jefferson City. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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**MISSOURI: COOPER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1422\* · FIPS 29053 · Boonville

# Cooper County

Population 17,122 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Cooper County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Boonville county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Cooper County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Boonville county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Cooper County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Cooper County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Boonville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Cooper County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: CRAWFORD COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1410\* · FIPS 29055 · Steelville

# Crawford County

Population 22,808 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Crawford County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Steelville county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Crawford County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Steelville county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Crawford County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Crawford County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Steelville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Crawford County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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MISSOURI: DADE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1400\* · FIPS 29057 · Greenfield

# Dade County

Population 7,622 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Dade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Greenfield county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Dade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Greenfield county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Dade County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dade County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Greenfield. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dade County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: DALLAS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1409\* · FIPS 29059 · Buffalo

# Dallas County

Population 17,877 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Dallas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Buffalo county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**WATER SUPPLY**

Potable water supply required.

**HANDWASHING**

Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Dallas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Buffalo county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Dallas County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dallas County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Buffalo. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dallas County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: DAVIESS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1391\* · FIPS 29061 · Gallatin

# Daviess County

Population 8,541 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Daviess County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Gallatin county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Daviess County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Gallatin county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Daviess County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Daviess County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Gallatin. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Daviess County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: DEKALB COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1392\* · FIPS 29063 · Maysville

# DeKalb County

Population 9,884 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (DeKalb County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Maysville county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — DeKalb County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Maysville county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. DeKalb County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Maysville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the DeKalb County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: DENT COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1393\* · FIPS 29065 · Salem

# Dent County

Population 14,721 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Dent County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Salem county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Dent County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Salem county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

**Relevant county code**

Dent County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dent County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Salem. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dent County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: DOUGLAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1394\* · FIPS 29067 · Ava

# Douglas County

Population 12,290 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Douglas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Ava county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Douglas County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Ava county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Douglas County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Douglas County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Ava. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Douglas County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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

**MISSOURI: DUNKLIN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1395\* · FIPS 29069 · Kennett

# Dunklin County

Population 27,002 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Dunklin County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kennett county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Dunklin County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Kennett county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Dunklin County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Dunklin County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Kennett. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Dunklin County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: FRANKLIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #475\* · FIPS 29071 · Union

# Franklin County

Population 104,858 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Union and other municipalities in Franklin County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Franklin County cottage food ordinance identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing practices required.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs under §196.298. All other food types prohibited.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections. Missouri statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Union and other municipalities in Franklin County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Franklin County cottage food ordinance identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

No specific Franklin County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Franklin County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Franklin County is in the St. Louis exurban area. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: GASCONADE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1396\* · FIPS 29073 · Hermann

# Gasconade County

Population 14,655 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Gasconade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermann county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Gasconade County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermann county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Gasconade County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Gasconade County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Hermann. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Gasconade County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

**MISSOURI: GENTRY COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1397\* · FIPS 29075 · Albany

# Gentry County

Population 6,298 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Gentry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Albany county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Gentry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Albany county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

**Relevant county code**

Gentry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Gentry County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Albany. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Gentry County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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

**MISSOURI: GREENE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #931\* · FIPS 29077 · Springfield

# Greene County

Population 299,188 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no registration or inspection required; no sales cap; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS nonperishable baked goods, jams/jellies, and other non-potentially hazardous foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection required; labeling required)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (MO does not preempt local zoning. City of Springfield and Greene County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning department)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Complaint-based possible)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-TCS nonperishable baked goods, jams/jellies, and other non-potentially hazardous foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection required; labeling required
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water at residence
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Complaint-based possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — MO does not preempt local zoning. City of Springfield and Greene County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning 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>	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail/wholesale
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

**Relevant county code**

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

MO cottage food law is permissive with no sales cap or registration. Greene County includes Springfield, MO's third-largest city. No county-specific overlay found.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.greenecountymo.gov>

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

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

MISSOURI: GRUNDY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1398\* · FIPS 29079 · Trenton

# Grundy County

Population 9,766 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Grundy County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Trenton county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Grundy County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Trenton county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Grundy County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Grundy County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Trenton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Grundy County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: HARRISON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1390\* · FIPS 29081 · Bethany

# Harrison County

Population 8,186 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Harrison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Bethany county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Harrison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Bethany county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Harrison County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Harrison County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Bethany. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Harrison County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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MISSOURI: HENRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1399\* · FIPS 29083 · Clinton

# Henry County

Population 22,575 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Henry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Clinton county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Henry County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Clinton county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Henry County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Henry County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Clinton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Henry County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: HICKORY COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1401\* · FIPS 29085 · Hermitage

# Hickory County

Population 8,766 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Hickory County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermitage county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Hickory County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Hermitage county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Hickory County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Hickory County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Hermitage. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Hickory County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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MISSOURI: HOLT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1402\* · FIPS 29087 · Oregon

# Holt County

Population 4,241 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Holt County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Oregon county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Holt County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Oregon county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Holt County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Holt County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Oregon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Holt County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: HOWARD COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1403\* · FIPS 29089 · Fayette

# Howard County

Population 10,150 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Howard County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fayette county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Howard County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fayette county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Howard County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Howard County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Fayette. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Howard County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: HOWELL COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1404\* · FIPS 29091 · West Plains

# Howell County

Population 40,762 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Howell County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the West Plains county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Howell County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the West Plains county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Howell County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Howell County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is West Plains. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Howell County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: IRON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1405\* · FIPS 29093 · Ironton

# Iron County

Population 9,420 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Iron County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Ironton county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Iron County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Iron County courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Iron County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Iron County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Ironton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Iron County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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

**MISSOURI: JACKSON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #465\* · FIPS 29095 · Kansas City

# Jackson County

Population 715,526 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (cottage food: baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only; direct to consumer); broader individual-stands law also available in some counties ·

**MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri’s §196.298 limits cottage food to non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. No registration, permit, or fee required. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified; standard sanitation

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (State preemption prevents local health department regulation. However, Kansas City and Jackson County may have home occupation permit requirements for the business activity itself (separate from food safety). Contact Kansas City Planning & Development or Jackson County Planning for applicable home occupation rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspections.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri’s §196.298 limits cottage food to non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. No registration, permit, or fee required. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified; standard sanitation
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water; state baseline
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific requirement under state cottage food law
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard food storage practices

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — State law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. No inspections.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — State preemption prevents local health department regulation. However, Kansas City and Jackson County may have home occupation permit requirements for the business activity itself (separate from food safety). Contact Kansas City Planning & Development or Jackson County Planning for applicable home occupation rules.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer: home pickup, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (2022 amendment). No wholesale, no events, no roadside stands under §196.298. Note: a separate Missouri individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some county areas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; Kansas City Municipal Code for home occupations

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Jackson County follows Missouri state baseline. State law explicitly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Kansas City is the dominant municipality and straddles the Jackson/Clay county line. County seat field is blank in input — Kansas City serves as the county seat. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. The narrow food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is a significant Missouri limitation.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jacksongov.org/health>

<https://www.jacksongov.org/planning>

<https://www.jacksongov.org>

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

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

**MISSOURI: JASPER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1011\* · FIPS 29097 · Carthage

# Jasper County

Population 122,788 · 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 · **MEDIUM**

**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>

<https://www.jaspercounty.org>

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

MISSOURI: JEFFERSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #653\* · FIPS 29099 · Hillsboro

# Jefferson County

Population 226,984 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **HIGH**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Jefferson County requires a home occupation permit per Section 400.230 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances. The business must be secondary to residential use. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 requires a Home Occupation Permit. Requirements include: applicant must reside at the location; no more than one on-premises employee (besides residents); home occupation cannot exceed 1/3 of gross floor area; no tandem axle vehicle or outdoor storage. Application must be submitted to Jefferson County Planning Division. Note: Arnold, Herculaneum, and Festus (cities within Jefferson County) have their own rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Jefferson County requires a home occupation permit per Section 400.230 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances. The business must be secondary to residential use. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 requires a Home Occupation Permit. Requirements include: applicant must reside at the location; no more than one on-premises employee (besides residents); home occupation cannot exceed 1/3 of gross floor area; no tandem axle vehicle or outdoor storage. Application must be submitted to Jefferson County Planning Division. Note: Arnold, Herculaneum, and Festus (cities within Jefferson County) have their own rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment, HB 1697), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. Delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Jefferson County Home Occupation Permit allows up to 1 non-resident on-premises employee. Missouri state law does not set an employee cap for cottage food operations.

## Relevant county code

Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 (Home Occupation); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Jefferson County home occupation permit application found directly on jeffcomo.gov with specific requirements from Section 400.230. Missouri state cottage food baseline confirmed. Note: CityRuleLookup references MO Rev. Stat. §196.277 for the \$50,000 cap, while the state baseline cites §196.298 — these may reflect different tracks of Missouri’s cottage food framework. The primary statute §196.298 restricts to baked goods, jams/jellies, and dried herbs for in-home kitchen operations; a broader \$50,000 framework may apply at events/farmers markets under separate county-specific rules. Cities within Jefferson County (Arnold, Herculaneum, Festus) have separate rules.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jeffcomo.gov>

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

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

<https://www.jeffcomo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Home-Occupation-Permit-Application-PDF>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/jefferson-county-mo>

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

**MISSOURI: JOHNSON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #884\* · FIPS 29101 · Warrensburg

**Johnson County**Population 54,025 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific MO state or Johnson County rule.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Johnson County includes Warrensburg (home of University of Central Missouri). No specific county cottage food zoning ordinance identified. Contact Johnson County government in Warrensburg.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific MO state or Johnson County rule.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Johnson County includes Warrensburg (home of University of Central Missouri). No specific county cottage food zoning ordinance identified. Contact Johnson County government in Warrensburg.
<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>	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298 (separate individual-stands law may apply in some counties).
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in MO statute.

## Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no Johnson County-specific ordinance identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Johnson County (Warrensburg) is home to the University of Central Missouri. No county-specific cottage food rules found. MO state baseline: limited food scope but no sales cap and explicit prohibition on local health department regulation. The 2022 amendment added online/in-state shipping.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

MISSOURI: KNOX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1406\* · FIPS 29103 · Edina

# Knox County

Population 3,740 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Knox County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Edina county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Knox County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Edina county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Knox County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Knox County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Edina. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Knox County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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

**MISSOURI: LACLEDE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1407\* · FIPS 29105 · Lebanon

# Laclede County

Population 36,738 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Laclede County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lebanon county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Laclede County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lebanon county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Laclede County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Laclede County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Lebanon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Laclede County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1408\* · FIPS 29107 · Lexington

# Lafayette County

Population 33,511 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Lafayette County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lexington county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Lafayette County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Lexington county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Lafayette County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lafayette County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Lexington. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lafayette County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: LAWRENCE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1431\* · FIPS 29109 · Mount Vernon

# Lawrence County

Population 39,151 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Lawrence County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Mount Vernon county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Lawrence County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Mount Vernon county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Lawrence County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lawrence County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Mount Vernon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lawrence County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: LEWIS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1432\* · FIPS 29111 · Monticello

# Lewis County

Population 9,852 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Lewis County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Monticello county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Lewis County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Monticello county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Lewis County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Lewis County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Monticello. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Lewis County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: LINCOLN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1062\* · FIPS 29113 · Troy

# Lincoln County

Population 60,172 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registration, no inspection required. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Lincoln County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri prohibits local health department regulation of cottage food but general land-use zoning may still apply. Operators should check with Lincoln County Planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registration, no inspection required. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be nonperishable; no specific storage mandate.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Lincoln County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Missouri prohibits local health department regulation of cottage food but general land-use zoning may still apply. Operators should check with Lincoln County Planning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. Online/in-state shipping also allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). No wholesale, no restaurant/retail store sales under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

Lincoln County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified. Note: local health dept regulation prohibited by state law.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Lincoln County. State baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) applies. Missouri’s limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) is the primary restriction, but the law is otherwise permissive. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment added online/in-state shipping. Missouri uniquely prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

MISSOURI: LINN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1433\* · FIPS 29115 · Linneus

# Linn County

Population 11,910 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Linn County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Linneus county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Linn County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Linn county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Linn County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Linn County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Linn. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Linn County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1444\* · FIPS 29117 · Chillicothe

# Livingston County

Population 14,658 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Livingston County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Chillicothe county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Livingston County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Chillicothe county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Livingston County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Livingston County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Chillicothe. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Livingston County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MACON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1458\* · FIPS 29121 · Macon

# Macon County

Population 15,177 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Macon County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Macon county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Macon County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Macon county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Macon County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Macon County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Macon. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Macon County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MADISON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1459\* · FIPS 29123 · Fredericktown

# Madison County

Population 12,852 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Madison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fredericktown county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Madison County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Fredericktown county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Madison County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Madison County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Fredericktown. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Madison County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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MISSOURI: MARIES COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1460\* · FIPS 29125 · Vienna

# Maries County

Population 8,506 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Maries County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Vienna county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Maries County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Vienna county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Maries County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Maries County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Vienna. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Maries County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MARION COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1461\* · FIPS 29127 · Palmyra

# Marion County

Population 28,425 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Marion County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Palmyra county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Marion County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Palmyra county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Marion County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Marion County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Palmyra. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Marion County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: MCDONALD COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1457\* · FIPS 29119 · Pineville

# McDonald County

Population 24,054 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (McDonald County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Pineville county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — McDonald County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Pineville county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

McDonald County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. McDonald County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Pineville. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the McDonald County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: MERCER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1456\* · FIPS 29129 · Princeton

# Mercer County

Population 3,452 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Mercer County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Princeton county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Mercer County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Princeton county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Mercer County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Mercer County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Princeton. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Mercer County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: MILLER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1455\* · FIPS 29131 · Tuscumbia

# Miller County

Population 25,668 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Miller County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Tuscumbia county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Miller County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Tuscumbia county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Miller County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Miller County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Tuscumbia. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Miller County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MISSISSIPPI COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1454\* · FIPS 29133 · Charleston

# Mississippi County

Population 11,750 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Mississippi County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Charleston county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Mississippi County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Charleston county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Mississippi County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Mississippi County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Charleston. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Mississippi County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MONITEAU COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1453\* · FIPS 29135 · California

# Moniteau County

Population 15,294 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Moniteau County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the California county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Moniteau County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the California county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

Moniteau County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Moniteau County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is California. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Moniteau County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MONROE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1435\* · FIPS 29137 · Paris

# Monroe County

Population 8,890 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Monroe County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Paris county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Monroe County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Paris county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Monroe County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Monroe County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Paris. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Monroe County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1436\* · FIPS 29139 · Montgomery City

# Montgomery County

Population 11,511 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Montgomery County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Montgomery City county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Montgomery County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Montgomery City county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Montgomery County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Montgomery City. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Montgomery County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: MORGAN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1437\* · FIPS 29141 · Versailles

# Morgan County

Population 22,399 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Morgan County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Versailles county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Morgan County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the Versailles county courthouse.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

### Relevant county code

Morgan County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri’s cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. Morgan County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is Versailles. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the Morgan County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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**MISSOURI: NEW MADRID COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1438\* · FIPS 29143 · New Madrid

# New Madrid County

Population 15,212 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (New Madrid County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the New Madrid county courthouse.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri Cottage Law is narrow: only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs/mixes are permitted. All other foods require food establishment licensing. Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/in-state shipping allowed since 2022 amendment. No sales cap. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1).
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods, jams, jellies, dried herbs.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections under cottage law. Health departments may investigate foodborne illness reports.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — New Madrid County typically requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use. Common conditions: no on-site employees beyond household members, no external signage, limited customer visits, no hazardous materials. Missouri Cottage Law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating production, but zoning/home occupation permits are a separate local requirement. Many rural Missouri counties have limited formal zoning in unincorporated areas; verify with the New Madrid county courthouse.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home and in-state delivery. Farmers markets, online sales with in-state delivery allowed since 2022. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically household members only per home occupation permit conditions.

## Relevant county code

New Madrid County Zoning Ordinance (home occupations, if applicable); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

### RESEARCH NOTES

Missouri's cottage food law (§196.298) is narrow (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) with no sales cap and no registration or inspection required. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food production. New Madrid County is a largely rural county; many unincorporated areas may lack formal zoning, but where residential zoning exists a home occupation permit is typically required as in most Missouri counties. The county seat is New Madrid. Defaulted to state baseline with medium confidence due to limited county-specific zoning data found in research. Producers should verify directly with the New Madrid County Courthouse or planning/zoning office for current home occupation permit requirements.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

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**MISSOURI: NEWTON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1060\* · FIPS 29145 · Neosho

# Newton County

Population 59,019 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registration, no inspection required. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Newton County may have home occupation zoning requirements beyond health department jurisdiction. Operators should check with Newton County for land-use requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registration, no inspection required. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be nonperishable.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations (§196.298(3)(1)).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Newton County may have home occupation zoning requirements beyond health department jurisdiction. Operators should check with Newton County for land-use requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events. Online/in-state shipping allowed per 2022 amendment. No wholesale, no restaurant/retail store sales under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

**Relevant county code**

Newton County zoning code (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified. Note: local health dept regulation prohibited by state law.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Newton County. State baseline (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) applies. Missouri’s limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the primary restriction, but otherwise permissive. Newton County is in SW Missouri near Joplin. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating cottage food.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

**MISSOURI: NODAWAY COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #893\* · FIPS 29147 · Maryville

# Nodaway County

Population 20,503 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Nodaway County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Nodaway County through available sources. Operators in the City of Maryville should check Maryville municipal code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Nodaway County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Nodaway County through available sources. Operators in the City of Maryville should check Maryville municipal code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Nodaway County. Missouri §196.298 expressly bars local health department regulation of cottage food production. The 2022 HB 1697 amendment removed the sales cap and added online in-state sales per MDHSS guidance; however the statute text on [revisor.mo.gov](https://revisor.mo.gov) still shows the \$50,000 cap, so medium confidence on current cap status. City of Maryville has its own regulations not researched here.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nodawaycounty.org>

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: OREGON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #235\* · FIPS 29149 · Alton

# Oregon County

Population 8,699 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Oregon County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Oregon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance. No zoning office found.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Oregon County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Oregon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance. No zoning office found.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Oregon County is one of Missouri’s smallest and most rural counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: OSAGE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #892\* · FIPS 29151 · Linn

**Osage County**Population 13,478 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Osage County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Osage County. Operators in the City of Linn should check Linn municipal code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Osage County.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting****INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Osage County. Operators in the City of Linn should check Linn municipal code separately.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Osage County. Missouri §196.298 expressly bars local health department regulation of cottage food production. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: OZARK COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #236\* · FIPS 29153 · Gainesville

# Ozark County

Population 9,090 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ozark County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Ozark County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ozark County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Ozark County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ozark County is a very rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: PEMISCOT COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #889\* · FIPS 29155 · Caruthersville

# Pemiscot County

Population 14,407 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County. Operators in Caruthersville should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pemiscot County. Operators in Caruthersville should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pemiscot County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: PERRY COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #886\* · FIPS 29157 · Perryville

# Perry County

Population 19,100 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Perry County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Perry County. Operators in Perryville should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Perry County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Perry County. Operators in Perryville should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Perry County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: PETTIS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #885\* · FIPS 29159 · Sedalia

# Pettis County

Population 43,791 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sedalia (county seat) and unincorporated Pettis County may have separate home occupation rules; no specific county ordinance was identified in available sources.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pettis County. Operators in Sedalia should check Sedalia city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sedalia (county seat) and unincorporated Pettis County may have separate home occupation rules; no specific county ordinance was identified in available sources.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pettis County. Operators in Sedalia should check Sedalia city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pettis County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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MISSOURI: PHELPS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #882\* · FIPS 29161 · Rolla

# Phelps County

Population 45,672 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Phelps County includes the city of Rolla (home to Missouri S&T); no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Phelps County. Operators in Rolla should check Rolla city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Phelps County includes the city of Rolla (home to Missouri S&T); no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Phelps County. Operators in Rolla should check Rolla city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Phelps County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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MISSOURI: PIKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #880\* · FIPS 29163 · Bowling Green

# Pike County

Population 17,961 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pike County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pike County. Operators in Bowling Green should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Pike County.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Pike County. Operators in Bowling Green should check city code separately.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Pike County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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MISSOURI: PLATTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #516\* · FIPS 29165 · Platte City

# Platte County

Population 107,033 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Platte County is in the Kansas City metro area. Platte City and other municipalities (Parkville, Riverside, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Platte County cottage food ordinance identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections. State statute expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing practices required.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed under §196.298.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspections. State statute expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Platte County is in the Kansas City metro area. Platte City and other municipalities (Parkville, Riverside, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Platte County cottage food ordinance identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibited under §196.298.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

No specific Platte County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Platte County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Platte County is a fast-growing Kansas City suburb. Missouri’s narrow cottage food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the main constraint. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

**MISSOURI: POLK COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #846\* · FIPS 29167 · Bolivar

# Polk County

Population 33,070 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Polk County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Polk County. Operators in Bolivar should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Polk County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Polk County. Operators in Bolivar should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Polk County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: PULASKI COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #888\* · FIPS 29169 · Waynesville

**Pulaski County**Population 53,726 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific MO state or Pulaski County rule.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Pulaski County includes Waynesville (adjacent to Fort Leonard Wood military installation). Military community may have some local business provisions. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Pulaski County government in Waynesville.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific MO state or Pulaski County rule.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Pulaski County includes Waynesville (adjacent to Fort Leonard Wood military installation). Military community may have some local business provisions. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Pulaski County government in Waynesville.
<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>	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under primary statute.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in MO statute.

## Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no Pulaski County-specific ordinance identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Pulaski County is a military county (Fort Leonard Wood). No county-specific cottage food rules found. MO state baseline applies: limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) but no sales cap and no local health department regulation allowed.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

**MISSOURI: PUTNAM COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #237\* · FIPS 29171 · Unionville

# Putnam County

Population 4,539 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Putnam County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Putnam County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Putnam County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Putnam County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Putnam County is among Missouri’s least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: RALLS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #845\* · FIPS 29173 · New London

# Ralls County

Population 10,499 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ralls County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ralls County. Operators in New London should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ralls County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ralls County. Operators in New London should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Ralls County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #833\* · FIPS 29175 · Huntsville

# Randolph County

Population 24,077 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Randolph County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Randolph County. Operators in Huntsville or Moberly should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Randolph County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Randolph County. Operators in Huntsville or Moberly should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Randolph County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

MISSOURI: RAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #843\* · FIPS 29177 · Richmond

# Ray County

Population 23,199 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ray County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ray County. Operators in Richmond should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Ray County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ray County. Operators in Richmond should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Ray County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

MISSOURI: REYNOLDS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #238\* · FIPS 29179 · Centerville

# Reynolds County

Population 5,927 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Reynolds County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Reynolds County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Reynolds County is a very rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Reynolds County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Reynolds County is one of Missouri's most rural counties in the Ozarks. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

MISSOURI: RIPLEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #231\* · FIPS 29181 · Doniphan

# Ripley County

Population 10,715 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ripley County is a rural south-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Ripley County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ripley County is a rural south-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Ripley County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ripley County is a rural Ozark-border county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: SALINE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1115\* · FIPS 29195 · Marshall

# Saline County

Population 23,325 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Saline County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Saline County. Operators in Marshall should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Saline County.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting****INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Saline County. Operators in Marshall should check city code separately.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Saline County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: SCHUYLER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #241\* · FIPS 29197 · Lancaster

**Schuyler County**Population 4,069 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Schuyler County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Schuyler County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Schuyler County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting****INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

No — Schuyler County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Schuyler County is one of Missouri's least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: SCOTLAND COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #242\* · FIPS 29199 · Memphis

# Scotland County

Population 4,698 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Scotland County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Scotland County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Scotland County is a very rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Scotland County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Scotland County is among Missouri’s least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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MISSOURI: SCOTT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1078\* · FIPS 29201 · Benton

# Scott County

Population 37,957 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Scott County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Scott County. Operators in Sikeston or Benton should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Scott County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Scott County. Operators in Sikeston or Benton should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Scott County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: SHANNON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #243\* · FIPS 29203 · Eminence

# Shannon County

Population 7,275 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shannon County is a rural Ozark county known for the Jacks Fork River; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Shannon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shannon County is a rural Ozark county known for the Jacks Fork River; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

No — Shannon County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Shannon County is a very rural Ozark county with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

MISSOURI: SHELBY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #244\* · FIPS 29205 · Shelbyville

# Shelby County

Population 5,926 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shelby County is a rural north-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Shelby County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Shelby County is a rural north-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Shelby County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Shelby County is a rural north-central Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #2174\* · FIPS 29183 · Saint Charles

**St. Charles County**Population 406,262 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Conditional (Missouri cottage food law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes. No registration, permit, or inspection required at state level. Direct sales only (no farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298). Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit for home-based businesses from Planning and Zoning Division.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Planning and Zoning Division (201 N. Second St., Suite 420, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-7335; Planning@sccmo.org). Business Occupancy Permit also required from Building Division. If operation will prepare or serve food, must also contact Public Health Department (1650 Boone's Lick, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-1800). Note: Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production itself, but local zoning/business licensing compliance is still required.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No inspection permitted at state or local level per §196.298(3)(1).)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Conditional — Missouri cottage food law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes. No registration, permit, or inspection required at state level. Direct sales only (no farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under §196.298). Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit for home-based businesses from Planning and Zoning Division.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific state requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, dried herbs only. No TCS foods.

## Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection permitted at state or local level per §196.298(3)(1).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Planning and Zoning Division (201 N. Second St., Suite 420, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-7335; Planning@sccmo.org). Business Occupancy Permit also required from Building Division. If operation will prepare or serve food, must also contact Public Health Department (1650 Boone's Lick, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-1800). Note: Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production itself, but local zoning/business licensing compliance is still required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

## Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only from home under §196.298 (no farmers markets, events, restaurants, or retail stores). Online/in-state shipping permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Missouri's separate individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some counties.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules apply.

## Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (state cottage food); St. Charles County Home Occupation Permit (Planning and Zoning).

### RESEARCH NOTES

St. Charles County Home Occupation Permit requirement confirmed from official sccmo.org sources (Home Occupation Permit page and FAQ). Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) well-documented from state baseline — very limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) and direct sales only from home, but online/shipping added in 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production per §196.298(3)(1). However, county still requires Home Occupation Permit and Business Occupancy Permit for home-based businesses. Confidence high: both state law and county permit requirement confirmed from .gov sources.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sccmo.org>

<https://www.sccmo.org/1611/Home-Occupation-Permit>

<https://sccmo.org/FAQ.aspx?QID=224>

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

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**MISSOURI: ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #239\* · FIPS 29185 · Osceola

# St. Clair County

Population 9,848 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Clair County is a rural west-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (St. Clair County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). St. Clair County is a rural west-central Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — St. Clair County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. St. Clair County is a rural west-central Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #1029\* · FIPS 29187 · Farmington

# St. Francois County

Population 66,814 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Under primary statute: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs only. A separate Missouri cottage food law may allow most other nonperishable foods at events, farmers markets, and roadside stands in certain counties.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No county govt URL provided. St. Francois County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Farmington has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Under primary statute: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs only. A separate Missouri cottage food law may allow most other nonperishable foods at events, farmers markets, and roadside stands in certain counties.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good sanitation practices implied
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage for non-perishable products

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No county govt URL provided. St. Francois County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Farmington has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<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>	Direct-to-consumer only; delivery by producer permitted in-state
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

**Relevant county code**

Not identified

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Missouri Great-tier state. St. Francois County is in SE Missouri, Ozarks region. Primary statute has limited product scope (baked goods, jams, dried herbs). Separate county-level law may expand this. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

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**MISSOURI: ST. LOUIS CITY**

CROSODO INDEX #474\* · FIPS 29510 · St. Louis

# St. Louis city

Population 298,018 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no registration or inspection required; no sales cap; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-TCS nonperishable foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection; labeling required)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (St. Louis city is an independent city (not part of any county). City of St. Louis has its own zoning code; home-based businesses typically require a home occupation permit through the city Planning & Urban Design Agency. Operator should verify with St. Louis city zoning)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Complaint-based possible)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-TCS nonperishable foods; direct to consumer only; no state license or inspection; labeling required
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water at residence
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Complaint-based possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — St. Louis city is an independent city (not part of any county). City of St. Louis has its own zoning code; home-based businesses typically require a home occupation permit through the city Planning & Urban Design Agency. Operator should verify with St. Louis city zoning
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Yes

**Customer-facing rules**

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail/wholesale
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

## Relevant county code

St. Louis City zoning code (independent city)

### RESEARCH NOTES

St. Louis city is an independent city (not in St. Louis County). Has its own comprehensive zoning code and likely requires home occupation permit for any home-based business. Pattern-status entry. Business license likely required from city.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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MISSOURI: ST. LOUIS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1370\* · FIPS 29189 · Clayton

# St. Louis County

Population 999,703 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Production must occur in the individual’s home kitchen. St. Louis County zoning defines home occupations as domestic activities carried on solely by resident family members with no services offered to the general public and no stock in trade on premises. The county definition creates a tension with cottage food sales — the practical resolution is that cottage food production itself is permissible but a home occupation permit is required for business activity in unincorporated areas.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No county-specific cottage food pet restrictions found; state law silent on pets. Standard home kitchen hygiene practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (In unincorporated St. Louis County, any business activity from a residence requires compliance with the Zoning Code definition of Home Occupation. The definition requires the activity be carried on solely by resident family members, with no services to the general public on premises, no stock in trade, no commercial equipment beyond household use, and no exterior signage. A permit is required through County Zoning Review (314-615-2525 or 314-615-7814). Note: St. Louis County is highly fragmented — many residents live in incorporated municipalities (Kirkwood, Florissant, Chesterfield, etc.) each with their own rules. County-level rules apply only in unincorporated areas.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (State law §196.298(3)(1) explicitly prohibits the county health department from inspecting or regulating cottage food production operations. No routine or complaint-triggered inspections by county health.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — State law (§196.298) prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production. Production must occur in the individual’s home kitchen. St. Louis County zoning defines home occupations as domestic activities carried on solely by resident family members with no services offered to the general public and no stock in trade on premises. The county definition creates a tension with cottage food sales — the practical resolution is that cottage food production itself is permissible but a home occupation permit is required for business activity in unincorporated areas.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No county-specific cottage food pet restrictions found; state law silent on pets. Standard home kitchen hygiene practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	State guidance (DHSS) recommends potable water from approved source; no county-specific overlay found.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	State guidance recommends adequate handwashing facilities; no county-specific overlay.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	State guidance recommends proper temperature, pest-free storage; no county-specific overlay.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — State law §196.298(3)(1) explicitly prohibits the county health department from inspecting or regulating cottage food production operations. No routine or complaint-triggered inspections by county health.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — In unincorporated St. Louis County, any business activity from a residence requires compliance with the Zoning Code definition of Home Occupation. The definition requires the activity be carried on solely by resident family members, with no services to the general public on premises, no stock in trade, no commercial equipment beyond household use, and no exterior signage. A permit is required through County Zoning Review (314-615-2525 or 314-615-7814). Note: St. Louis County is highly fragmented — many residents live in incorporated municipalities (Kirkwood, Florissant, Chesterfield, etc.) each with their own rules. County-level rules apply only in unincorporated areas.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Under state cottage food law, direct-to-consumer sales at the individual’s home are the only authorized sale location under §196.298. Customer visits to pick up orders must not generate commercial-level traffic per county home occupation rules. Farmers market and roadside stand sales are NOT permitted under §196.298 (only home sales), though a separate Missouri statute allows events/markets in some counties.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Home occupation definition restricts to resident family members only — no non-resident employees.

### Relevant county code

St. Louis County Zoning Code, Home Occupation definition; Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

St. Louis County is Missouri’s most populous county (pop. ~1M) but is heavily fragmented into 88+ municipalities and significant unincorporated territory. State law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) explicitly pre-empts local regulation of cottage food production and prohibits county health departments from regulating or inspecting these operations. The county zoning definition of home occupation (domestic activity by resident family only, no public services on premises, no exterior signage) technically restricts commercial activity but does not override the state preemption on food production itself. A home occupation permit is required in unincorporated areas via County Zoning Review. No county-specific cottage food guidance page was found — state baseline applies with high confidence. CityRuleLookup (verified March 2026) corroborates the home occupation permit requirement. The St. Louis City cottage food waiver was abolished (city waivers no longer required), but this county (not city) entry follows county rules only. The Missouri state law’s \$50,000/year cap under §196.298 and narrower food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only at home) remain the key constraints.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/transportation-and-public-works/commercial-building/pw-commercial-guides/business-information/can-i-operate-a-small-business-out-of-my-home/>

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

[https://library.municode.com/mo/st.\\_louis\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/mo/st._louis_county/codes/code_of_ordinances)

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**MISSOURI: STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #832\* · FIPS 29186 · Ste. Genevieve

# Ste. Genevieve County

Population 18,546 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ste. Genevieve is Missouri’s oldest settlement and a National Historic Landmark District; no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ste. Genevieve County. Operators within the City of Ste. Genevieve (which has a National Historic Landmark District) should check city code and historic district regulations separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Ste. Genevieve is Missouri’s oldest settlement and a National Historic Landmark District; no county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated areas.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Ste. Genevieve County. Operators within the City of Ste. Genevieve (which has a National Historic Landmark District) should check city code and historic district regulations separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Ste. Genevieve County includes Missouri's oldest city with a National Historic Landmark District, which may impose additional restrictions on home-based businesses within the city. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated areas. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: STODDARD COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #831\* · FIPS 29207 · Bloomfield

**Stoddard County**Population 28,438 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Stoddard County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Stoddard County. Operators in Bloomfield, Dexter, or Sikeston (partial) should check applicable city codes separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Stoddard County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Stoddard County. Operators in Bloomfield, Dexter, or Sikeston (partial) should check applicable city codes separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Stoddard County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: STONE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #834\* · FIPS 29209 · Galena

# Stone County

Population 32,630 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office in Galena (417-357-8402) with a Regulations and Comprehensive Plan; however, no specific home occupation permit fee or ordinance details were identified for unincorporated areas in available sources.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office at 112 E. 5th Street, Galena MO (417-357-8402). Zoning regulations and a Comprehensive Plan exist; however, specific home occupation permit requirements were not identified in available sources. Operators should contact Stone County P&Z directly to confirm requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. Stone County Health Department maintains separate food ordinance for permitted establishments; cottage foods are exempt.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office in Galena (417-357-8402) with a Regulations and Comprehensive Plan; however, no specific home occupation permit fee or ordinance details were identified for unincorporated areas in available sources.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. Stone County Health Department maintains separate food ordinance for permitted establishments; cottage foods are exempt.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — Stone County has a Planning and Zoning office at 112 E. 5th Street, Galena MO (417-357-8402). Zoning regulations and a Comprehensive Plan exist; however, specific home occupation permit requirements were not identified in available sources. Operators should contact Stone County P&Z directly to confirm requirements.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Unknown
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Stone County has an active Planning and Zoning office with regulations, but specific home occupation permit requirements were not found in available sources. The Stone County Health Department has a Food Ordinance for licensed food establishments, but cottage food operations under §196.298 are exempt from local health department regulation. Operators should contact Stone County P&Z at 417-357-8402. Medium confidence.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com>
- <https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm>
- <https://stonecountymo.gov>
- <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>
- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>
- <https://stonecountymo.gov/P%20and%20Z.htm>
- <https://stonecountyhealthdepartment.com/health-codes-ordinances/>

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**MISSOURI: SULLIVAN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #245\* · FIPS 29211 · Milan

# Sullivan County

Population 5,750 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sullivan County is a rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Sullivan County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Sullivan County is a rural north Missouri county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Sullivan County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Sullivan County is a rural north Missouri county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

MISSOURI: TANEY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #897\* · FIPS 29213 · Forsyth

# Taney County

Population 56,202 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697) · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Allowed foods limited to: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Taney County (Branson tourism area) may have local home occupation zoning provisions for home-based businesses. Contact Taney County government in Forsyth. MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Local health departments prohibited by §196.298(3)(1) from regulating production. DHSS may act on severe complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Allowed foods limited to: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022 amendment. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific MO state rule; standard food safety practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be nonperishable. Proper labeling and storage required.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Local health departments prohibited by §196.298(3)(1) from regulating production. DHSS may act on severe complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Taney County (Branson tourism area) may have local home occupation zoning provisions for home-based businesses. Contact Taney County government in Forsyth. MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales permitted. Online sales and in-state shipping added in 2022. No sales at farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, or roadside stands under §196.298 (though a separate individual-stands law may apply in some counties).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in MO statute.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no Taney County-specific ordinance identified

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Taney County includes Branson tourism area. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline applies: limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs only) under primary statute §196.298. A separate Missouri individual-stands law (available in some counties) may allow broader foods at events and roadside stands. MO cottage food law notable for explicit prohibition on local health department regulation. State URL may return 404; MO Revisor URL confirmed.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

MISSOURI: TEXAS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #246\* · FIPS 29215 · Houston

# Texas County

Population 25,715 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Texas County is a large rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Texas County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Texas County is a large rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Texas County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Texas County is the largest county in Missouri by land area and is entirely rural. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: VERNON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #837\* · FIPS 29217 · Nevada

# Vernon County

Population 19,787 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Vernon County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Vernon County. Operators in Nevada should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Vernon County.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

No

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**WATER SUPPLY**

No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING**

Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.

**FOOD STORAGE**

Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Vernon County. Operators in Nevada should check city code separately.

**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Vernon County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: WARREN COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #654\* · FIPS 29219 · Warrenton

# Warren County

Population 38,478 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Warren County has a zoning ordinance requiring a home occupation permit (Warren County Code §180-17) for businesses operated in residential dwellings.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Warren County Code §180-17 requires a home occupation permit (\$100 fee) for businesses operated in a residential dwelling. Conditions: (1) use must be entirely within the dwelling unit, clearly incidental and subordinate to residential use; (2) no more than 25% of floor area used for the home occupation; (3) only family members residing on the premises may be engaged in the occupation; (4) no change in outside appearance except one nonilluminated sign up to 2 sq. ft.; (5) no noisy/odorous equipment detectable outside; (6) no traffic generation exceeding normal residential levels; off-street parking required. Certificate of Zoning application submitted to Warren County Planning and Zoning Department. Unincorporated Warren County does not require a Certificate of Occupancy. Also available: By-Right permit (\$100), Mobile Food Establishment permit (\$50). Cities within Warren County (Warrenton, etc.) have separate rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Warren County has a zoning ordinance requiring a home occupation permit (Warren County Code §180-17) for businesses operated in residential dwellings.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — Warren County Code §180-17 requires a home occupation permit (\$100 fee) for businesses operated in a residential dwelling. Conditions: (1) use must be entirely within the dwelling unit, clearly incidental and subordinate to residential use; (2) no more than 25% of floor area used for the home occupation; (3) only family members residing on the premises may be engaged in the occupation; (4) no change in outside appearance except one nonilluminated sign up to 2 sq. ft.; (5) no noisy/odorous equipment detectable outside; (6) no traffic generation exceeding normal residential levels; off-street parking required. Certificate of Zoning application submitted to Warren County Planning and Zoning Department. Unincorporated Warren County does not require a Certificate of Occupancy. Also available: By-Right permit (\$100), Mobile Food Establishment permit (\$50). Cities within Warren County (Warrenton, etc.) have separate rules.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Yes

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed. Warren County zoning conditions limit traffic to normal residential volumes.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Warren County Code §180-17: only family members residing on premises may be engaged in the home occupation (no non-family employees).

### Relevant county code

Warren County Code §180-17 (Home Occupations); Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Warren County home occupation permit requirements confirmed via Certificate of Zoning application form ([warrencountysheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Certificate-of-Zoning](http://warrencountysheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Certificate-of-Zoning)) which cites Warren County Code §180-17 and lists specific conditions. Planning and Zoning office confirmed active at [warrencountymo.org](http://warrencountymo.org) with 2021 Updated Zoning Codes and 2025/2026 amendments. \$100 permit fee confirmed. Unincorporated county does not require Certificate of Occupancy per county website. Missouri §196.298 state baseline also applies.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://warrencountymo.org/planning-and-zoning/>

<https://warrencountymo.org>

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

<https://warrencountymo.org/planning-and-zoning/>

<https://warrencountysheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Certificate-of-Zoning>

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**MISSOURI: WASHINGTON COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #839\* · FIPS 29221 · Potosi

# Washington County

Population 23,583 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Washington County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Washington County. Operators in Potosi should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Washington County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Washington County. Operators in Potosi should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Washington County is a rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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**MISSOURI: WAYNE COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #247\* · FIPS 29223 · Greenville

# Wayne County

Population 10,820 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Wayne County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Wayne County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). Wayne County is a rural Ozark county; no county-level zoning ordinance was identified.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	No — Wayne County is an unzoned rural county with no identified county-level home occupation permit ordinance.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Wayne County is a rural Ozark county. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: WEBSTER COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #840\* · FIPS 29225 · Marshfield

# Webster County

Population 42,041 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Webster County.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Unknown (No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Webster County. Operators in Marshfield should check city code separately.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50,000 annual gross income cap and direct-to-consumer sales only. Internet sales are prohibited under the statute. State law expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No county-specific home occupation permit ordinance was identified for unincorporated Webster County.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement for Missouri cottage food operations.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement for cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Unknown — No county-level home occupation permit ordinance identified for unincorporated Webster County. Operators in Marshfield should check city code separately.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Unknown

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Home pickup and delivery to customers allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state cap on employees for cottage food operations under §196.298.

### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. No county-specific home occupation zoning ordinance found for unincorporated Webster County. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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

**MISSOURI: WORTH COUNTY**

CROSODO INDEX #230\* · FIPS 29227 · Grant City

# Worth County

Population 1,872 · State baseline: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 · **MEDIUM**

**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

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**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

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**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

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**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

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### Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied. Worth County is one of Missouri’s least populated counties. No county-level zoning or home occupation ordinance found. Missouri §196.298 controls. Medium confidence due to absence of county-specific research.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/pdf/home-based-kitchen-food-prod-guidance.pdf>

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## Questions?

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