



Missouri's Cottage Food Law

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What is it?

It is a set of rules that allow homemade food sales within the state.

What types of food does this include?

Missouri Revisor of Statutes classifies a cottage food as a “**Baked good**”, includes cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies, and other items that are prepared by baking the item in an oven.

This also includes canned jams or jellies, dried herbs or herb mixes.

DOES NOT INCLUDE...cream or meringue pies, perishable baked goods (those that require refrigeration), low acid canned and acidified foods, low or artificially sugared canned goods and **ANY** potentially hazardous foods.

If you have any questions about a food item falling under the Cottage Food Law, please contact Lawrence County Health Department.

HAVE to sell DIRECTLY to consumers!

Is there a limit to how much I can make annually?

Can not exceed an annual gross income of \$50,000 from the sale of foods classified as a cottage food.

Does a cottage food production operation have to be inspected by our local health department?

NO, “a local health department shall not regulate the production of food at a cottage food production operation.”

***** The Department of Health and Senior Services and/or Lawrence County Health Department are not prohibited from conducting an investigation of a food-borne disease or outbreak. *****

For more information on the Cottage Food Law please visit revisor.mo.gov Chapter 196: Food, Drugs, and Tobacco; Section 196.298.1

