



BEHIND THE BUSINESS

“Mississippi’s economy is made up of the most creative, unique, and innovative businesses in the entire world. The Secretary of State’s Office is proud to spotlight these businesses, and provide support for all ventures which choose to invest in our great State.”

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Cat Island Cookie & Cracker Co.

Chef Leslie Bullock

Cat Island Cookie & Cracker Co. was created by Chef Leslie Bullock. The company is dedicated to creating high quality snacks and treats free of artificial flavors, colors, and preservatives. Leslie is devoted to running her business in both socially and environmentally ethical ways.

In 2014, Leslie and her two daughters traveled home to the Mississippi Gulf Coast from New York. Upon returning, she immediately noticed there were very few options available for wholesome, natural snacks and treats. This realization led her to create Cat Island Cookies.

Cat Island Cookie & Cracker Co. creates sweet and savory baked goods. Everything is made with natural ingredients. The baked goods come in various shapes of sailboats, crabs, fish, turtles, and shells, which are inspired by the beauty of Cat Island.

The company moved to its first kitchen in October 2014. It was a commercial kitchen in a local church, but the company quickly outgrew the space. In December 2014, Cat Island Cookie & Cracker Co. relocated to their current production facility on Kiln-Delisle Road in Pass Christian. The company will soon expand once again by moving to a new location with more space.



Cat Island Cookies is named after the westernmost barrier island, Cat Island, which is located seven miles off the Mississippi Gulf Coast. When European settlers discovered the island in the 1600s, they mistakenly thought the raccoon inhabitants were cats and named it the “Island of Cats.” Cat Island has been home to both military and pirate operations; today, approximately half of Cat Island is managed by the National Parks Service.