

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Allegan County

Michigan · Allegan · FIPS 26005 · Population 120,189 ·
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STATE BASELINE

MCL §289.4102; \$50,000 annual sales cap (amended 2025, eff. March 2026); no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; online/mail/delivery platform sales now allowed

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	50000	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Allegan County, Michigan — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Michigan cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Michigan home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Michigan label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to \$50,000 by 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026). Online and mail order sales now expressly allowed with virtual/in-person interaction requirement.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific Allegan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Michigan state law does not require local permits. Allegan County unincorporated areas or city of Allegan may have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Allegan County Planning for local specifics.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Michigan does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to \$50,000 by 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026). Online and mail order sales now expressly allowed with virtual/in-person interaction requirement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification under Michigan cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products only per approved list. Two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Acidified foods, fermented foods, and most canned goods prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Michigan does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No specific Allegan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Michigan state law does not require local permits. Allegan County unincorporated areas or city of Allegan may have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Allegan County Planning for local specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. \$50,000 annual cap (as of March 2026).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (MI tier Great). Michigan 2025 amendment raised sales cap to \$50,000 and expanded online/mail order sales (effective March 2026 per Forrager). No county-specific URLs provided in input. Allegan County is a rural western Michigan county. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.allegancounty.gov>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/michigan/allegan-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Allegan County	Van Buren County	Kalamazoo County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), f...	Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consign...	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, farmers markets, online with delivery, mail order, third-party delivery platforms. No wholesale, no c...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to \$5...	Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. \$50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales ...	Non-TCS foods only from approved product list. \$50,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$25,000 by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). No re...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products only per approved list. Two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Acidified food...	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from approved Michigan product list; two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted
POPULATION	120,189	75,636	261,426

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Allegan County's rules sit on top of Michigan's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
MCL §289.4102	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Michigan cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/michigan.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

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

Questions about Allegan County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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