

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Barry County

Michigan · Hastings · FIPS 26015 · Population 62,581 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MCL §289.4102	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.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. \$50,000 annual cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No state prohibition; pets should be excluded during production per good practice

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Barry County is a rural southwest Michigan county. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Barry County Planning at (269) 945-1296.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. \$50,000 annual cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No state prohibition; pets should be excluded during production per good practice
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing facilities required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; properly labeled and stored

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Barry County is a rural southwest Michigan county. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Barry County Planning at (269) 945-1296.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	No non-family employees permitted

## Relevant county code

Contact Barry County or Hastings City for local zoning

### RESEARCH NOTES

Barry County is a rural SW Michigan county (Hastings county seat). Michigan cottage food law governs statewide. 2025 amendment doubles cap and adds online/mail order. No Barry County-specific restrictions found. No county URLs in input.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

## State context — Michigan cottage food law

Barry 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.

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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.

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

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### 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/>

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