

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cass County

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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 (Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only (approved list). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed (with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement per 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Annual sales cap \$50,000. No consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Cass County-level cottage food or home occupation rules found. Individual townships in Cass County may have zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Cass County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No license or inspection required for qualifying cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (MCL §289.4102, effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Cass County Township Zoning Resolutions

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan’s 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the sales cap to \$50,000 and explicitly allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales; effective March 2026. Direct-to-consumer requirement includes virtual interaction. No Cass County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Township-level zoning governs unincorporated areas.

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/cass-county-discuss>

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Cass 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 MCL §289.4102	ANNUAL SALES CAP 50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY 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](#).

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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