

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Ingham County

Michigan · Mason · FIPS 26065 · Population 282,540 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

**MCL §289.4102; no registration or inspection required; \$50,000 annual sales cap; direct sales only; non-TCS foods**

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

**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 (Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; \$50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (MI does not preempt local zoning. Ingham County includes Lansing (state capital) and East Lansing (Michigan State University). City of Lansing and East Lansing likely have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Complaint-based possible)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; \$50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water at residence
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard handwashing
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Complaint-based possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — MI does not preempt local zoning. Ingham County includes Lansing (state capital) and East Lansing (Michigan State University). City of Lansing and East Lansing likely have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

## Relevant county code

Not identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Same MI baseline. Ingham County includes Lansing (MI state capital) and East Lansing (MSU). County seat is Mason. No county-specific overlay found.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ingham.org>

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

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

## State context — Michigan cottage food law

Ingham 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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