

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kalamazoo 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

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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 foods only from approved product list. \$50,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$25,000 by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). No registration or inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale/consignment). 2025 amendment explicitly allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platforms.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Kalamazoo County and City of Kalamazoo may require home occupation permits under local zoning. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food. Producers should check with Kalamazoo County Planning & Zoning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; no registration required)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required; basic food safety practices
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from approved Michigan product list; two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; no registration required
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Kalamazoo County and City of Kalamazoo may require home occupation permits under local zoning. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food. Producers should check with Kalamazoo County Planning & Zoning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, farmers markets, online with delivery, mail order, third-party delivery platforms. No wholesale, no consignment, no retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Kalamazoo County zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Kalamazoo County MI follows Michigan state baseline (MCL §289.4102). Michigan raised cap to \$50,000 via HB 4122 (2025). Michigan MDARD administers. No registration or inspection required. 2025 amendment allows online/delivery sales. No Kalamazoo County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Kalamazoo County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kalcounty.com>

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

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kalamazoo County	Calhoun County	Allegan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, farmers markets, online with delivery, mail order, third-party delivery platforms. No wholesale, no c...	Direct sales only. Sales from home, farmers markets, online (with face-to-face or virtual interaction), and third-party delivery platforms ...	Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), f...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Annual sales capped at \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026; prior cap was \$25,000). No registration, permit, or inspecti...	Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to \$5...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from approved Michigan product list; two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted	Non-TCS products only (MCL §289.4102 approved list). Stored in food-safe containers. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permit...	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products only per approved list. Two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Acidified food...
POPULATION	261,426	134,011	120,189

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Kalamazoo 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](#).

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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