

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Macomb County

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STATE BASELINE

MCL §289.4102 (Michigan Cottage Food Law; 2025 amendment HB 4122, effective March 2026 raising cap to \$50,000)

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced in a home kitchen. No separate commercial kitchen. No registration required. Maximum \$50,000 annual sales (as of 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap \$25,000). Direct sales only — no consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute; standard sanitation implied

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Macomb County has home occupation regulations for unincorporated areas. Most of Macomb County is incorporated (Sterling Heights, Warren, Clinton Township, etc.) with separate municipal home occupation permit rules. Check relevant municipality’s planning/zoning department. State cottage food law does not preempt local home occupation zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102. MDARD may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; standard sanitation implied
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard sanitation implied
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; products must be non-potentially hazardous

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 only: in person (home, farmers markets, events); online with home delivery, mail, or third-party delivery (2025 amendment added online/mail/third-party delivery platform sales with virtual interaction requirement). No wholesale, no consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; municipal home occupation zoning varies

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state baseline applies to Macomb County. No Macomb County-specific cottage food ordinance found. The 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap to \$50,000 and added online/mail/third-party delivery platform sales — effective March 2026. Macomb County is suburban Detroit; most residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own zoning codes. No Macomb County Environmental Health Department-specific cottage food page found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.macombgov.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/macomb-county-discuss>

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Macomb 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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