

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Schoolcraft County

Michigan · Manistique · FIPS 26153 · Population 8,178 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MCL §289.4102	Great	50000	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

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 (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to \$50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Local zoning may impose additional home occupation requirements; operators must check with local township or municipality.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level permit required. Schoolcraft County is a small, rural Upper Peninsula county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator in Manistique or surrounding townships.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Schoolcraft County is a small, rural Upper Peninsula county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator in Manistique or surrounding townships.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

No county-wide cottage food zoning ordinance identified; township-level home occupation provisions apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Schoolcraft County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. Michigan state law governs; local zoning is township-level. Schoolcraft County is a sparsely populated Upper Peninsula county with a small county seat of Manistique. Defaulted to state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.schoolcraftcounty.net>

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

<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/schoolcraft-county-discuss>

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Schoolcraft 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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