

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Carver County

Minnesota · Chaska · FIPS 27019 · Population 107,216 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Minn. Stat. §28A.152	Great	78000	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 (Minnesota's two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) — free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training only; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, 2025 amendment, CPI-indexed) — requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course (renewable every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, candies, condiments (including pickles, mustards, nut butters, salsas), dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks, fermented foods, juices. Direct-to-consumer only; no indirect sales outside farmers markets.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Carver County municipalities (Chaska, Chanhassen, Waconia, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Carver County is in the Twin Cities metro area with active zoning. No specific Carver County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine kitchen inspections required.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.

HANDWASHING

Food handler certification/training required per tier level.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Low-acid canned foods, chocolate-covered fruit, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, perishable baked goods prohibited.

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. No indirect sales (outside of farmers market context). Home-canned goods category may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Carver County code section identified. State law governs: Minn. Stat. §28A.152.

RESEARCH NOTES

Carver County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Minnesota's 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 and indexed it for inflation. Carver County is in the rapidly growing southwestern Twin Cities suburbs. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Carver County	Wright County	Scott County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only. No indirect sales (outside of farmers market context). Home-canned goods category may not be sold outside Minnesot...	Direct sales permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside of Minnesota. Other cottage food products can be sold at any venue inc...	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Home-canned products may n...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota’s two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) – free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training only; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...	Annual sales capped at \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed with July 2025 base). Two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires fre...	Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Low-acid canned foods, chocolate-covered fruit, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, perishable ba...	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated) finished products required. Home-canned products must have pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less. Store...	Non-PHF products only; proper storage required.
POPULATION	107,216	142,543	151,347

State context — Minnesota cottage food law

Carver County’s rules sit on top of Minnesota’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE Minn. Stat. §28A.152	ANNUAL SALES CAP 78000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales are limited to direct-to-consumer channels: community events, farmers markets, from the producer’s home, online (in-state delivery by the producer personally or by mail/commercial delivery), and fundraising donations. Restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands, mail order wholesale, and catering are prohibited. All deliveries must be made by the producer personally unless shipped by mail or commercial delivery upon a prior online sale. Home-canned products in the pH/water-activity exemption category (Subd. 1(a)(2)) may not be sold outside of Minnesota.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Minnesota cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/minnesota/>

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