

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Chisago County

Minnesota · Center City · FIPS 27025 · Population 56,927 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Minn. Stat. §28A.152 (amended 2025, cap raised to \$78,000)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

78000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Two tiers: Tier 1 (approx. \$7,665/yr) requires free online training and free registration; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yr) requires \$50 cottage food producer training (3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. MDA registration required. Indirect sales (retail) permitted under Tier 2.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific MN state or county rule on pets; standard sanitation practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Chisago County may require a home occupation permit or zoning approval for home-based businesses. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Chisago County Planning & Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. MDA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN No

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific MN state or county rule on pets; standard sanitation practices recommended.

WATER SUPPLY Primary residence kitchen; no specific state requirement beyond general food safety.

HANDWASHING Covered under food safety training; standard sanitation.

FOOD STORAGE Non-potentially hazardous foods must not require refrigeration. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED No — No routine inspections. MDA may investigate upon complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT Varies — Chisago County may require a home occupation permit or zoning approval for home-based businesses. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Chisago County Planning & Zoning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Tier 1: direct sales only. Tier 2: direct and indirect (retail store) sales allowed. Online sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	MN statute does not specify a cap on household members involved.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; no Chisago County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota's cottage food law was significantly amended in 2025 (2025 c 34 art 5), raising the annual cap to \$78,000 and indexing it for inflation. Chisago County is a suburban/rural county in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area. No county-specific overrides found. MDA registration required through the state. The cap (\$78,000) applies to the current law; indirect sales through retail stores allowed under Tier 2.

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/chisago-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Chisago County	Washington County	Anoka County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific MN state or county rule on pets; standard sanitation practices recommended.	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary	No specific state restriction; 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	Tier 1: direct sales only. Tier 2: direct and indirect (retail store) sales allowed. Online sales permitted.	Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online (direct delivery only within MN); no interstate sales for home-canned category; Class A CFO ...	Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned i...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Two tiers: Tier 1 (approx. \$7,665/yr) requires free online training and free registration; Tier 2 (up...	Annual sales cap of \$78,000 (2025, CPI-adjusted). Two tiers: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free registration training only; Tier 2 (...)	Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-PHF foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual sales (2025 infla...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods must not require refrigeration. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items (pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less) also permitted.
POPULATION	56,927	268,651	363,985

State context — Minnesota cottage food law

Chisago 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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