

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Crow Wing County

Minnesota · Brainerd · FIPS 27035 · Population 66,558 ·  
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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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Yes (Annual sales cap \$78,000. Food handler certification required. Registration required with Minnesota Department of Agriculture. No kitchen inspection. Direct sales; indirect sales not allowed. No TCS foods, no perishable baked goods, no chocolate-covered fruit, no confections with alcohol.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state law

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Crow Wing County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Brainerd has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

**Home kitchen rules**

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state law
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Standard residential water supply
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required as part of food handler certification training
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Crow Wing County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Brainerd has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified

## Relevant county code

Not identified

### RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota Great-tier state with \$78,000 cap. Crow Wing County is a popular lake resort area in central Minnesota with strong farmers market activity. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

## State context — Minnesota cottage food law

Crow Wing 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.

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

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

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### 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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