

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wright County

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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 (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 free registration training; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000) requires \$50 training course (renewed every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. Registration with MDA required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wright County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Buffalo and others) have their own home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. MDA or local authority may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required.

HANDWASHING

Required per food safety standards.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS (non-refrigerated) finished products required. Home-canned products must have pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less. Stored in food-safe containers.

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 sales permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside of Minnesota. Other cottage food products can be sold at any venue including online.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified at state level for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Not identified for Wright County; state law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (MN) confirmed: Minn. Stat. §28A.152, \$78,000 cap (2025 amendment). Wright County is a suburban/exurban county west of the Twin Cities metro. No county-specific cottage food URLs or ordinances identified. County follows state baseline. 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/wright-county-discuss>

State context — Minnesota cottage food law

Wright 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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