

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Morton County

North Dakota · Mandan · FIPS 38059 · Population 34,194 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
—	Freedom	—	MEDIUM	

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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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Population 34,194 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

—

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

—

PETS ALLOWED?

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

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ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

—

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

—

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —

SEPARATE DEDICATED
KITCHEN —

PET RESTRICTIONS —

WATER SUPPLY —

HANDWASHING —

FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED —

HOME OCCUPATION
PERMIT Check_local

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rulesON-SITE CUSTOMER
PICKUP —

ON-SITE SIGNAGE —

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

Morton County is a rural North Dakota county. Morton County has a Land Use Code administered by the Planning and Zoning Department. No county-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state law. North Dakota's cottage food law (N.D. Cent. Code ch. 23-09.5) is highly permissive with no sales cap, no registration, no inspection, and a broad product definition. County-level zoning is minimal or absent in most ND counties; state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mortoncounty.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Morton County	Emmons County	Grant County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	—	No state restriction specified.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	No	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	Sales may occur at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, or any non-prohibited venue, including delivery. Direct pro...	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Check_local	Conditional	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	No	—
RESTRICTIONS	—	No sales cap, no registration, no inspection, no licensing required. Direct sales to informed end consumer only. Products must include cons...	—
FOOD STORAGE	—	No specific state requirement beyond keeping products safe for consumption.	—
POPULATION	33,192	3,452	2,320

State context — North Dakota cottage food law

Morton County's rules sit on top of North Dakota's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Transactions must be directly between the cottage food operator and the 'informed end consumer' and solely for home consumption. Products may not be sold or used in any food establishment, food processing plant, or food store. No wholesale channel is permitted.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **North Dakota cottage food law report**.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/north-dakota/>

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