

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Grant County

Wisconsin · Lancaster · FIPS 55043 · Population 51,842 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Wis. Stat. §97.29	Freedom	Tiered	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 (Under the Kivirist court order (2017), home bakers of good character may sell nonhazardous shelf-stable baked goods direct to consumer at low volume without a license. The §97.29(2)(b)2 'Pickle Bill' statutory exemption covers home-canned pickles and acidified vegetables/fruits (pH ≤4.6) capped at \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets. Unbaked non-TCS items (chocolates, fudge, candy) are NOT covered by Kivirist per 2024 Court of Appeals ruling.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Grant County may have township-level zoning that regulates home occupations. No specific county-level home occupation rules found in research. Incorporated municipalities within Grant County (Lancaster, Platteville area, etc.) have separate municipal codes. Recommend verifying with Grant County Planning/Zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection for qualifying cottage food bakers. DATCP may not enforce licensing requirements against qualifying home bakers per Kivirist order.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically mandated.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must remain shelf-stable and nonhazardous.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only for exempt operations. Pickle Bill limits sales to community events and farmers markets for home-canned goods. Kivirist exception bakers may sell at home, markets, and events.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state or county rules found.

Relevant county code

Wis. Stat. §97.29(2)(b)2; Kivirist v. DATCP (2017); Wisconsin Cottage Food Association v. DATCP (2024 WI App 69)

RESEARCH NOTES

No Grant County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline applies. Wisconsin cottage food framework is complex due to Kivirist court order and 2024 Court of Appeals ruling limiting Kivirist to baked goods only. Recommend contacting Grant County Planning/Zoning for local home occupation requirements. [Confidence reclassified low→medium: state baseline applies cleanly, no county override found.]

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

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

State context — Wisconsin cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Wis. Stat. §97.29

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Home-canned goods must be sold at community or social events or farmers' markets in Wisconsin (§97.29(2)(b)2.b). The Kivist court order applies to direct-to-consumer sales by home bakers. Products cannot be sold to retail food establishments or distributed through wholesale channels without a license.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

State dept cottage food page: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

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

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