

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Croix County

Wisconsin · Hudson · FIPS 55109 · Population 93,752 ·
Crosodo Index #557*

STATE BASELINE

Wis. Stat. §97.29

STATE TIER

Freedom

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered

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.

How to start — 60-second path

St. Croix County, Wisconsin — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction for home bakers under Kivirist; kitchen hygiene is a factor in the 'good character' assessment.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Wisconsin cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Wisconsin home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Wisconsin label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Wisconsin cottage food landscape is defined by statute and case law: (1) Statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2): home-canned pickles and acidified vegetables/fruits (pH 4.6 or lower) sold at community events or farmers markets, capped at \$5,000/year. (2) Kivirist court order (2017): home bakers of good character may sell non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable baked goods directly to consumers at low volume without a license. (3) 2024 Court of Appeals reversed extension of Kivirist to unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candies); only baked goods exempt. No DATCP license required for baked goods meeting Kivirist standards.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction for home bakers under Kivirist; kitchen hygiene is a factor in the 'good character' assessment.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (St. Croix County (Hudson, in Twin Cities metro area) may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No St. Croix County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check with St. Croix County Planning (715-386-4675) for home-based business rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection for Kivirist-exempt home bakers or home-canned pickles under §97.29.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction for home bakers under Kivirist; kitchen hygiene is a factor in the 'good character' assessment.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement for cottage food under Wisconsin law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement; kitchen hygiene relevant to Kivirist 'good character' standard.

FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods only under Kivirist exception. Home-canned pickles under \$5,000 cap. TCS foods require DATCP license.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — St. Croix County (Hudson, in Twin Cities metro area) may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No St. Croix County-specific cottage food permit identified. Operators should check with St. Croix County Planning (715-386-4675) for home-based business rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only for Kivirist-exempt bakers. Home-canned pickles must be sold at community events or farmers markets (§97.29(2)(b)2). No wholesale for either category.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified; only home baker/household under Kivirist standard.

Relevant county code

No St. Croix County-specific cottage food code identified; Wis. Stat. §97.29 and Kivirist case law govern.

RESEARCH NOTES

Croix County (FIPS 55109) — state_tier value 'Freedom' appeared in county_govt_url field and notes 'pattern' appeared in notes field; actual state tier is Wisconsin (Freedom tier per DATCP). Wisconsin's cottage food landscape is unusually complex: shaped by case law rather than clear statute. The 2024 Court of Appeals decision (Wisconsin Cottage Food Association v. DATCP, 2024 WI App 69) confirmed Kivirist exception applies only to baked goods, not unbaked goods. Wisconsin Supreme Court denied review April 10, 2024. St. Croix County is a rapidly growing Twin Cities suburb.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/HomeBakers.aspx

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/wisconsin/st-croix-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Croix County	Barron County	Dunn County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction for home bakers under Kivirist; kitchen hygiene is a factor in the 'good character' assessment.	No specific state prohibition for cottage food bakers; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state prohibition for cottage food bakers; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only for Kivirist-exempt bakers. Home-canned pickles must be sold at community events or farmers markets (§97.29(2)...	Direct-to-consumer only for Kivirist-covered baked goods. Pickle Bill allows farmers market and community event sales only (up to \$5,000/ye...	Direct-to-consumer only for Kivirist-covered baked goods. Pickle Bill allows farmers market and community event sales only (up to \$5,000/ye...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Wisconsin cottage food landscape is defined by statute and case law: (1) Statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2): home-canned pickles and a...	Wisconsin has a case-law-driven cottage food framework: (1) The statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2) allows home-canned pickles and acid...	Wisconsin has a case-law-driven cottage food framework: (1) The statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2) allows home-canned pickles and acid...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous baked goods only under Kivirist exception. Home-canned pickles under \$5,000 cap. TCS foods require ...	Shelf-stable, non-potentially-hazardous baked goods only; proper storage required.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially-hazardous baked goods only; proper storage required.
POPULATION	93,752	45,244	45,368

State context — Wisconsin cottage food law

St. Croix 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** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/wisconsin.

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/>

Questions about St. Croix County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/wisconsin/st-croix-county-discuss

Classifieds

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