COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Michigan

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under MCL §289.4102.

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MCL §289.4102	Great	B-	83	2026-05-05

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OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Michigan Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development · MCL §289.4102 · Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development · https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-92-2000-IV.pdf

Michigan's cottage food rules are set by MCL §289.4102. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Michigan?

- Michigan Compiled Laws §289.4102 - Cottage Food Operation; Exemption from Licensing and Evaluation Provisions; Requirements (Michigan Food Law, Act 92 of 2000)

What is the annual sales cap?

- 50000

Is registration or a permit required?

- No

Is a food handler certificate required?

- No

Are kitchen inspections required?

- No

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen, including baked goods (breads, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, donuts, macarons), candies (chocolate, fudge, brittles, truffles), condiments (honey, nut butters, syrups, vinegars), dry goods (cereals, coffee, dried fruit/vegetables, herbs, pasta, spices, tea), pastries, preserves (jams, jellies, marmalades), and snacks (granola, popcorn, chocolate-covered items, fruit leathers, vegetable chips).

What foods are prohibited?

- Perishable baked goods, acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, candied apples, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, juices, carbonated drinks, kombucha, and pet food. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes are permitted.
- Sales by consignment or wholesale are prohibited.

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase.
- A separate $75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at $250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to $15,000/year.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels must include: business name and address (or name, phone, and registration number); product name; ingredients in descending order by weight; net weight or volume; allergen information per federal

requirements; nutritional information if any claim is made; and the statement in at least 11-point font: 'Made in a home kitchen that has not been inspected by the Michigan department of agriculture and rural development.' An optional registration number (from MSU Product Center, one-time fee up to $50) may replace the home address.

Statute excerpt

MCL §289.4102

What does the Michigan cottage food statute say?

- 289.4102 Cottage food operation; exemption from licensing and evaluation provisions; requirements. Sec. 4102. (1) A cottage food operation is exempt from the licensing and evaluation provisions of this act. This exemption does not include an exemption from the adulteration and other standards imposed in this section or under this act, or both, and does not limit the ability of the department to take appropriate enforcement action for applicable violations as described in section 5101.
- This subsection does not require a cottage food operation to meet the standards contained in 21 CFR part 110 or the food code. (2) Cottage food products must be prepackaged and properly labeled before sale.
- (3) A cottage food operation shall place on the label of any food it produces or packages the following information: (a) The name and address of the business, or name, telephone number, and registration number; (b) The name of the cottage food product; (c) Ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight; (d) Net weight or net volume; (e) Allergen labeling as specified by federal requirements; (g) The following statement printed in at least the equivalent of 11-point font size in a color that provides a clear contrast to the background: "Made in a home kitchen that has not been inspected by the Michigan department of agriculture and rural development." (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a cottage food product must be sold directly from the cottage food operation to the consumer.
- Sales by consignment or at wholesale are prohibited. A cottage food product may be sold by internet or mail order or may be delivered to a consumer through a third-party food delivery platform if the cottage food operation provides an opportunity for a consumer to directly interact with the cottage food operation before the cottage food product is sold.
- A cottage food product sold by internet or mail order or delivered through a third-party delivery platform must be sold or delivered only to a consumer in this state.

Official sources

Where should I verify these rules?

- State agency cottage food page: https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods
- Statute: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Summarized from official Michigan cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Michigan cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 83 Michigan counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
50000

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

KITCHEN INSPECTION
No

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)
No — Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate $75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at $250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to $15,000/year.

RESEARCH NOTES
Statute text retrieved from the official Michigan Legislature website (legislature.mi.gov). The input URL pointed to MCL §289.4101 (the general licensing section); the operative cottage food exemption statute is MCL §289.4102, also retrieved from the same official source. Both the PDF version (mcl-92-2000-IV.pdf from legislature.mi.gov) and the HTML version (MCL-289-4102) were accessed and are consistent. Michigan amended its law in 2025 (HB 4122), doubling the sales cap from $25,000 to $50,000 and explicitly allowing online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales with the face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement. Effective date of 2025 amendment is March 2026 per Forrager. The $25,000 cap cited in the input notes reflects the pre-2025 law; updated to $50,000 per the 2025 amendment. The michigan.gov/mdard cottage foods page returned HTTP 403 during crawl but was accessible through search result summaries.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT MICHIGAN

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?
Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?
No

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?
No

SALES CAP
50000

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?
No (Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate $75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at $250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to $15,000/year.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE
Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN MICHIGAN

- Michigan is a Great-tier state — high or no sales cap with multiple sales channels allowed.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Annual sales cap: 50000.
- Direct vs indirect sales: No (Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate $75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at $250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to $15,000/year.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Michigan.

Michigan Compiled Laws §289.4102 - Cottage Food Operation; Exemption from Licensing and Evaluation Provisions; Requirements (Michigan Food Law, Act 92 of 2000)

CITATION
MCL §289.4102

ENACTED
2010

LAST AMENDED
2025

CONFIDENCE
HIGH

Allowed foods

Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen, including baked goods (breads, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, donuts, macarons), candies (chocolate, fudge, brittles, truffles), condiments (honey, nut butters, syrups, vinegars), dry goods (cereals, coffee, dried fruit/vegetables, herbs, pasta, spices, tea), pastries, preserves (jams, jellies, marmalades), and snacks (granola, popcorn, chocolate-covered items, fruit leathers, vegetable chips).

Prohibited foods

Perishable baked goods, acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, candied apples, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, juices, carbonated drinks, kombucha, and pet food. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes are permitted. Sales by consignment or wholesale are prohibited.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include: business name and address (or name, phone, and registration number); product name; ingredients in descending order by weight; net weight or volume; allergen information per federal requirements; nutritional information if any claim is made; and the statement in at least 11-point font: 'Made in a home kitchen that has not been inspected by the Michigan department of agriculture and rural development.' An optional registration number (from MSU Product Center, one-time fee up to $50) may replace the home address.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT — VERBATIM

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Source: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Official sources

Statute https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

State dept page https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

Extension service https://www.canr.msu.edu/cottage_food_law

Forrager.com https://forrager.com/law/michigan/

State dept of agriculture / health: **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 83 Michigan counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference — see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

MICHIGAN: ALCONA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1047* · FIPS 26001 · Harrisville

Alcona County

Population 10,624 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual gross sales capped at $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only. Must have face-to-face or virtual interaction with buyer at time of sale. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed under 2025 amendment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction, but standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Alcona County is a small rural northern Michigan county. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified. Standard home occupation zoning rules of the relevant township apply.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual gross sales capped at $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only. Must have face-to-face or virtual interaction with buyer at time of sale. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed under 2025 amendment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction, but standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per Michigan food safety standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only. Products stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Alcona County is a small rural northern Michigan county. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified. Standard home occupation zoning rules of the relevant township apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026) with required buyer interaction. No sales to retail establishments.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific employee restriction under MCL §289.4102.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Alcona County township zoning ordinances (varies by township).

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state baseline applied: MCL §289.4102, $50,000 cap (2025 HB 4122 amendment, effective March 2026). Alcona County is a small rural county in northeast lower Michigan (Lake Huron shoreline area, pop. ~10,000). No specific county-level cottage food ordinances identified. State law preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/alcona-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: ALGER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1046* · FIPS 26003 · Munising

Alger County

Population 9,601 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Alger County is largely rural; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Munising and individual townships may require a home occupation permit or DBA registration. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Alger County is largely rural; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Munising and individual townships may require a home occupation permit or DBA registration. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Alger County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Alger County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Alger County is a rural Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~9,600) with Munising as county seat. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township zoning for home occupations varies; operators should verify with Alger County government or relevant township office. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ALLEGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1009* · FIPS 26005 · Allegan

Allegan County

Population 120,189 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102; $50,000 annual sales cap (amended 2025, eff. March 2026); no registration; no inspection; direct sales only; online/mail/delivery platform sales now allowed · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to $50,000 by 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026). Online and mail order sales now expressly allowed with virtual/in-person interaction requirement.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No specific Allegan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Michigan state law does not require local permits. Allegan County unincorporated areas or city of Allegan may have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Allegan County Planning for local specifics.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Michigan does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous cottage foods from a home kitchen. No registration or inspection required. Sales cap raised to $50,000 by 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026). Online and mail order sales now expressly allowed with virtual/in-person interaction requirement.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification under Michigan cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable products only per approved list. Two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Acidified foods, fermented foods, and most canned goods prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Michigan does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No specific Allegan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Michigan state law does not require local permits. Allegan County unincorporated areas or city of Allegan may have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Allegan County Planning for local specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Michigan allows direct sales only: from home, online, mail order, third-party delivery platforms (with in-person or virtual interaction), farmers markets, events. No wholesale to restaurants or retail stores. $50,000 annual cap (as of March 2026).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (MI tier Great). Michigan 2025 amendment raised sales cap to $50,000 and expanded online/mail order sales (effective March 2026 per Forrager). No county-specific URLs provided in input. Allegan County is a rural western Michigan county. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ALPENA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1045* · FIPS 26007 · Alpena

Alpena County

Population 28,612 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Alpena County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Alpena has its own ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local township or City of Alpena zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Alpena County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Alpena has its own ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local township or City of Alpena zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Alpena County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Alpena County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Alpena County is a rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~28,600). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ANTRIM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1044* · FIPS 26009 · Bellaire

Antrim County

Population 23,484 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Antrim County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Bellaire and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Antrim County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Bellaire and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Antrim County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Antrim County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Antrim County is a rural northwest Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~23,500) in the northwest Michigan resort area. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ARENAC COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1043* · FIPS 26011 · Standish

Arenac County

Population 15,196 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Arenac County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Standish has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Arenac County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Standish has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Arenac County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Arenac County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Arenac County is a small rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~15,200). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BARAGA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1042* · FIPS 26013 · L'Anse

Baraga County

Population 8,416 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Baraga County is a small Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of L'Anse and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Baraga County is a small Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of L'Anse and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Baraga County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Baraga County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Baraga County is a small Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~8,400) on the Keweenaw Bay. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BARRY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1625* · FIPS 26015 · Hastings

Barry County

Population 62,581 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. $50,000 annual cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state prohibition; pets should be excluded during production per good practice

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Barry County is a rural southwest Michigan county. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Barry County Planning at (269) 945-1296.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. $50,000 annual cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state prohibition; pets should be excluded during production per good practice
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; properly labeled and stored

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Barry County is a rural southwest Michigan county. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Barry County Planning at (269) 945-1296.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No non-family employees permitted

Relevant county code

Contact Barry County or Hastings City for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Barry County is a rural SW Michigan county (Hastings county seat). Michigan cottage food law governs statewide. 2025 amendment doubles cap and adds online/mail order. No Barry County-specific restrictions found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BAY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #470* · FIPS 26017 · Bay City

Bay County

Population 103,752 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens. Annual sales cap of $50,000 (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no training required. Direct-to-consumer only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery permitted (2025 amendment). Face-to-face or virtual interaction required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Bay City and other municipalities in Bay County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Bay County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspections. Exempt from MDARD licensing.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens. Annual sales cap of $50,000 (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no training required. Direct-to-consumer only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery permitted (2025 amendment). Face-to-face or virtual interaction required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, meat jerkies, juices, carbonated drinks, kombucha, pet food prohibited. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Exempt from MDARD licensing.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Bay City and other municipalities in Bay County may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Bay County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery permitted (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Bay County code section identified. State law governs: MCL §289.4102.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bay County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Bay County is in the Great Lakes Bay Region. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BENZIE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1040* · FIPS 26019 · Beulah

Benzie County

Population 17,767 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Benzie County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Beulah and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Benzie County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Beulah and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Benzie County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Benzie County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Benzie County is a small rural northwest Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~17,800) near Sleeping Bear Dunes. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BERRIEN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #973* · FIPS 26021 · Saint Joseph

Berrien County

Population 153,938 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Berrien County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Michigan cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Berrien County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Berrien County Zoning Ordinance; MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) raised cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery platform sales. No Berrien County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: BRANCH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1025* · FIPS 26023 · Coldwater

Branch County

Population 43,648 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Branch County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Coldwater has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or City of Coldwater zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Branch County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Coldwater has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or City of Coldwater zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Branch County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Branch County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Branch County is a rural south-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~43,600) bordering Indiana. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CALHOUN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #994* · FIPS 26025 · Marshall

Calhoun County

Population 134,011 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual sales capped at $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales now explicitly allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (per 2025 amendment).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Calhoun County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Battle Creek (largest city in Calhoun County) and Marshall have separate home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales capped at $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales now explicitly allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (per 2025 amendment).
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 good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products only (MCL §289.4102 approved list). Stored in food-safe containers. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Calhoun County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Battle Creek (largest city in Calhoun County) and Marshall have separate home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only. Sales from home, farmers markets, online (with face-to-face or virtual interaction), and third-party delivery platforms allowed since 2025 amendment. No consignment or wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (MI) confirmed: MCL §289.4102, $50,000 cap (2025 amendment effective March 2026). Calhoun County is in southwest Michigan, including Battle Creek. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CASS COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #509* · FIPS 26027 · Cassopolis

Cass County

Population 51,604 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only (approved list). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed (with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement per 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Annual sales cap $50,000. No consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (No specific Cass County-level cottage food or home occupation rules found. Individual townships in Cass County may have zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Cass County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No license or inspection required for qualifying cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only (approved list). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed (with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement per 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Annual sales cap $50,000. No consignment or wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license or inspection required for qualifying cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Cass County-level cottage food or home occupation rules found. Individual townships in Cass County may have zoning resolutions governing home occupations. Recommend verifying with Cass County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (MCL §289.4102, effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Cass County Township Zoning Resolutions

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan's 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the sales cap to $50,000 and explicitly allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales; effective March 2026. Direct-to-consumer requirement includes virtual interaction. No Cass County-specific cottage food ordinances found. Township-level zoning governs unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1023* · FIPS 26029 · Charlevoix

Charlevoix County

Population 26,143 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Charlevoix County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Charlevoix and Boyne City have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Charlevoix County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Charlevoix and Boyne City have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Charlevoix County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Charlevoix County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Charlevoix County is a northwest Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~26,100) on Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1022* · FIPS 26031 · Cheboygan

Cheboygan County

Population 25,276 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Cheboygan County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Cheboygan has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Cheboygan County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Cheboygan has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Cheboygan County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Cheboygan County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Cheboygan County is a rural northern Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~25,300) near the Straits of Mackinac. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CHIPPEWA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1048* · FIPS 26033 · Sault Ste. Marie

Chippewa County

Population 37,069 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Chippewa County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Sault Ste. Marie has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Chippewa County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Sault Ste. Marie has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Chippewa County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Chippewa County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Chippewa County is the largest Upper Peninsula county by area (pop. ~37,000), bordering Canada at Sault Ste. Marie. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CLARE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1049* · FIPS 26035 · Harrison

Clare County

Population 30,663 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Clare County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Harrison has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Clare County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Harrison has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Clare County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Clare County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Clare County is a rural central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~30,700). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CLINTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1092* · FIPS 26037 · Saint Johns

Clinton County

Population 79,249 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. $50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122 amendment, previously $25,000). Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Online and mail order sales now allowed under 2025 amendment with required face-to-face or virtual interaction.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (State law does not require a home occupation permit for cottage food. Clinton County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. $50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122 amendment, previously $25,000). Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Online and mail order sales now allowed under 2025 amendment with required face-to-face or virtual interaction.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required at state level.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Specific restrictions on certain products (e.g., only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State law does not require a home occupation permit for cottage food. Clinton County may have local zoning home occupation requirements. No Clinton County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment) with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. No wholesale or consignment. No sales outside Michigan.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restriction specified in MCL §289.4102.

Relevant county code

No Clinton County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan's cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) was amended in 2025 (HB 4122) to double the sales cap to $50,000 (effective March 2026) and explicitly allow online/mail order/third-party delivery sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction. No Clinton County-specific overrides found. Local zoning may apply. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: CRAWFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1050* · FIPS 26039 · Grayling

Crawford County

Population 13,926 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Crawford County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Grayling has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Crawford County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Grayling has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Crawford County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Crawford County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Crawford County is a small rural north-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~13,900) known for the Au Sable River. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: DELTA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1051* · FIPS 26041 · Escanaba

Delta County

Population 36,255 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Delta County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Escanaba has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Delta County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Escanaba has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Delta County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Delta County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Delta County is a mid-sized Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~36,300) with Escanaba as its county seat on Lake Michigan. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: DICKINSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1075* · FIPS 26043 · Iron Mountain

Dickinson County

Population 25,239 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Dickinson County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Iron Mountain has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Dickinson County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Iron Mountain has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Dickinson County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Dickinson County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Dickinson County is a mid-sized Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~25,200) bordering Wisconsin. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: EATON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #451* · FIPS 26045 · Charlotte

Eaton County

Population 109,072 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens. Annual sales cap of $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no training required. Direct-to-consumer sales only — no wholesale or consignment. Online/mail order/third-party delivery permitted (2025 amendment).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Eaton County municipalities (Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids, etc.) may have home occupation or home business zoning requirements. No specific Eaton County-level cottage food ordinance identified. Operators should check with their local municipality.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. Michigan cottage food operations are exempt from MDARD licensing.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens. Annual sales cap of $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no training required. Direct-to-consumer sales only — no wholesale or consignment. Online/mail order/third-party delivery permitted (2025 amendment).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, mustards, meat jerkies, juices, carbonated drinks, kombucha prohibited. Only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections. Michigan cottage food operations are exempt from MDARD licensing.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Eaton County municipalities (Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids, etc.) may have home occupation or home business zoning requirements. No specific Eaton County-level cottage food ordinance identified. Operators should check with their local municipality.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales permitted (2025 amendment). Face-to-face or virtual interaction required. No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Eaton County code section identified. State law governs: MCL §289.4102.

RESEARCH NOTES

Eaton County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Michigan's 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap to $50,000 and added online/mail order sales. Effective date is March 2026. Eaton County is adjacent to Lansing (Ingham County) in the capital region. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: EMMET COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1073* · FIPS 26047 · Petoskey

Emmet County

Population 33,415 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Emmet County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Petoskey and Harbor Springs have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Emmet County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Petoskey and Harbor Springs have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Emmet County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Emmet County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Emmet County is a rural northern Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~33,400) on Little Traverse Bay. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: GENESEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1744* · FIPS 26049 · Flint

Genesee County

Population 405,280 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement per 2025 amendment. Allowed foods: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks, specific buttercream recipes. Prohibited: acidified foods, low-acid canned goods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, meat jerkies, carbonated drinks, kombucha, pet food. No registration or permit required from state. Local zoning compliance required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Genesee County municipalities (Flint, Burton, Grand Blanc, Flushing, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify with local city/township whether home occupation permit required. Genesee County local health department may have additional guidance. gc4me.com.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Michigan cottage food law.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement per 2025 amendment. Allowed foods: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks, specific buttercream recipes. Prohibited: acidified foods, low-acid canned goods, fruit butters, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, meat jerkies, carbonated drinks, kombucha, pet food. No registration or permit required from state. Local zoning compliance required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Specific approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Michigan cottage food law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Genesee County municipalities (Flint, Burton, Grand Blanc, Flushing, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify with local city/township whether home occupation permit required. Genesee County local health department may have additional guidance. gc4me.com.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. No consignment, wholesale, or sales to retail/food establishments. Online sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction permitted per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local zoning rules vary.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102 (state cottage food); local municipal zoning codes vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) confirmed from state baseline. 2025 amendment (HB 4122) raised cap from $25,000 to $50,000 and explicitly allowed online/mail/third-party delivery with virtual or face-to-face interaction, effective March 2026. No state registration required. Genesee County includes Flint (distressed city); county-specific home occupation rules not directly researched. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Genesee County local zoning not verified from .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.gc4me.com

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: GLADWIN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1072* · FIPS 26051 · Gladwin

Gladwin County

Population 25,452 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gladwin County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Gladwin has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gladwin County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Gladwin has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Gladwin County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Gladwin County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Gladwin County is a small rural central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~25,500). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: GOGEBIC COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1071* · FIPS 26053 · Bessemer

Gogebic County

Population 13,735 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gogebic County is a rural Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Bessemer and Ironwood have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gogebic County is a rural Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Bessemer and Ironwood have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Gogebic County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Gogebic County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Gogebic County is a small Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~13,700) on the Wisconsin border, known for the Porcupine Mountains. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #920* · FIPS 26055 · Traverse City

Grand Traverse County

Population 95,315 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102): $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no permit required at state level. Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Allowed: non-PHF foods including most baked goods, candies, dried goods, jams/jellies, nuts, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, acidified foods, fermented foods, pickles, carbonated drinks, kombucha.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Grand Traverse County townships and City of Traverse City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Traverse City is a tourist destination with active farmers markets. Operators should check with Grand Traverse County Planning (231-922-4784) or City of Traverse City for home-based business rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No state inspection authority for Michigan cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102): $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, no inspection, no permit required at state level. Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Allowed: non-PHF foods including most baked goods, candies, dried goods, jams/jellies, nuts, snacks. Prohibited: perishable baked goods, acidified foods, fermented foods, pickles, carbonated drinks, kombucha.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No state inspection authority for Michigan cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Grand Traverse County townships and City of Traverse City may have home occupation zoning requirements. Traverse City is a tourist destination with active farmers markets. Operators should check with Grand Traverse County Planning (231-922-4784) or City of Traverse City 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 sales allowed from home, at farmers markets, at events; online/mail order and third-party delivery allowed per 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026) with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit; typically operator and family members.

Relevant county code

No Grand Traverse County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Grand Traverse County-specific cottage food rules found. Grand Traverse County (Traverse City) is a major Michigan tourist destination with vibrant farmers markets. Michigan's 2025 HB 4122 raised the cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery capability; effective March 2026. Local home occupation zoning varies by municipality.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: GRATIOT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1070* · FIPS 26057 · Ithaca

Gratiot County

Population 40,347 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gratiot County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Ithaca and Alma have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Gratiot County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Ithaca and Alma have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Gratiot County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Gratiot County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Gratiot County is a rural agricultural county (pop. ~40,300) in the central Lower Peninsula. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: HILLSDALE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1069* · FIPS 26059 · Hillsdale

Hillsdale County

Population 45,829 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Hillsdale County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Hillsdale has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Hillsdale County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Hillsdale has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Hillsdale County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Hillsdale County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Hillsdale County is a rural southern Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~45,800) bordering Indiana and Ohio. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: HOUGHTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1068* · FIPS 26061 · Houghton

Houghton County

Population 36,360 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Houghton County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Houghton and Hancock have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Houghton County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Houghton and Hancock have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Houghton County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Houghton County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Houghton County is a mid-sized Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~36,400) on the Keweenaw Peninsula, home to Michigan Technological University. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/houghton-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: HURON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1067* · FIPS 26063 · Bad Axe

Huron County

Population 30,981 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Huron County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Bad Axe has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Huron County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Bad Axe has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Huron County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Huron County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Huron County is a rural agricultural Thumb-region county (pop. ~31,000) on Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: INGHAM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #838* · FIPS 26065 · Mason

Ingham County

Population 282,540 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102; no registration or inspection required; $50,000 annual sales cap; direct sales only; non-TCS foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; $50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (MI does not preempt local zoning. Ingham County includes Lansing (state capital) and East Lansing (Michigan State University). City of Lansing and East Lansing likely have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; $50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — MI does not preempt local zoning. Ingham County includes Lansing (state capital) and East Lansing (Michigan State University). City of Lansing and East Lansing likely have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Same MI baseline. Ingham County includes Lansing (MI state capital) and East Lansing (MSU). County seat is Mason. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.ingham.org

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: IONIA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1028* · FIPS 26067 · Ionia

Ionia County

Population 66,663 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. MDARD-approved non-PHF foods only. No acidified foods, no fermented foods, no low-acid canned foods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Ionia County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Ionia has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. MDARD-approved non-PHF foods only. No acidified foods, no fermented foods, no low-acid canned foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Ionia County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Ionia has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan Great-tier state with $50,000 cap. Ionia County is in west-central Michigan. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: IOSCO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1066* · FIPS 26069 · Tawas City

Iosco County

Population 24,190 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Iosco County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Tawas City and East Tawas have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Iosco County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Tawas City and East Tawas have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Iosco County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Iosco County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Iosco County is a rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~24,200) on Lake Huron. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/iosco-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: IRON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #844* · FIPS 26071 · Crystal Falls

Iron County

Population 11,231 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Iron County is a rural Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Crystal Falls and Iron River have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Iron County is a rural Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Crystal Falls and Iron River have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Iron County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Iron County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Iron County is a small Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~11,200) bordering Wisconsin. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/iron-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: ISABELLA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1587* · FIPS 26073 · Mount Pleasant

Isabella County

Population 64,938 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required at state level. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies — pets should be excluded during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Isabella County includes Mount Pleasant and Central Michigan University. Local township or city zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Isabella County Planning at (989) 317-4083 or Mount Pleasant City for requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required at state level. Direct sales only; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies — pets should be excluded during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; properly labeled and stored

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Isabella County includes Mount Pleasant and Central Michigan University. Local township or city zoning may apply for home-based businesses. Contact Isabella County Planning at (989) 317-4083 or Mount Pleasant City for requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No non-family employees permitted under MI cottage food law

Relevant county code

Contact Isabella County or Mount Pleasant for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Isabella County is home to Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) governs statewide. 2025 HB 4122 doubled cap to $50,000 and added online/mail order/third-party delivery. No Isabella County-specific cottage food restrictions found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/isabella-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: JACKSON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #966* · FIPS 26075 · Jackson

Jackson County

Population 160,637 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Jackson County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Michigan cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Jackson County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Jackson County Zoning Ordinance; MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) raised cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery platform sales. No Jackson County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/jackson-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: KALAMAZOO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #441* · FIPS 26077 · Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo County

Population 261,426 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS foods only from approved product list. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). No registration or inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale/consignment). 2025 amendment explicitly allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platforms.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Kalamazoo County and City of Kalamazoo may require home occupation permits under local zoning. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food. Producers should check with Kalamazoo County Planning & Zoning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; no registration required)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS foods only from approved product list. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). No registration or inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale/consignment). 2025 amendment explicitly allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platforms.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required; basic food safety practices
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from approved Michigan product list; two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; no registration required
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Kalamazoo County and City of Kalamazoo may require home occupation permits under local zoning. State law does not preempt local zoning for cottage food. Producers should check with Kalamazoo County Planning & Zoning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, farmers markets, online with delivery, mail order, third-party delivery platforms. No wholesale, no consignment, no retail store sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Kalamazoo County zoning ordinance

RESEARCH NOTES

Kalamazoo County MI follows Michigan state baseline (MCL §289.4102). Michigan raised cap to $50,000 via HB 4122 (2025). Michigan MDARD administers. No registration or inspection required. 2025 amendment allows online/delivery sales. No Kalamazoo County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no Kalamazoo County .gov cottage food source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.kalcounty.com

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/kalamazoo-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: KALKASKA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #875* · FIPS 26079 · Kalkaska

Kalkaska County

Population 18,038 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Kalkaska County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Kalkaska has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Kalkaska County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Kalkaska has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Kalkaska County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Kalkaska County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Kalkaska County is a small rural north-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~18,000). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/kalkaska-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: KENT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2105* · FIPS 26081 · Grand Rapids

Kent County

Population 657,321 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the person's primary domestic residence (single-family home). Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not qualify. Products must be stored at primary residence. Only single-family domestic residence qualifies.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction found; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies by city (Michigan cottage food law exempts from state licensing/inspection but expressly states 'contact your local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations that will affect your business.' City of Grand Rapids has a tiered Home Occupation license system (Class A, B, C). Grand Rapids Class C is for lodging; Class A/B likely required for food production. Kent County townships may have separate zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (MDARD will inspect upon complaint or foodborne illness investigation; may seize adulterated product, order label corrections, require discontinuation of unapproved products)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the person's primary domestic residence (single-family home). Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not qualify. Products must be stored at primary residence. Only single-family domestic residence qualifies.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction found; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	Municipal or private supply; no specific state-level water testing requirement for cottage food operations
HANDWASHING	Implied by Michigan Food Law sanitation standards; no specific cottage food provision
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at primary residence following safe good handling guidelines to prevent adulteration (insects, chemicals, water damage, insanitary conditions)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MDARD will inspect upon complaint or foodborne illness investigation; may seize adulterated product, order label corrections, require discontinuation of unapproved products
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — Michigan cottage food law exempts from state licensing/inspection but expressly states 'contact your local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations that will affect your business.' City of Grand Rapids has a tiered Home Occupation license system (Class A, B, C). Grand Rapids Class C is for lodging; Class A/B likely required for food production. Kent County townships may have separate zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only via farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, internet/mail order, or third-party delivery platform if direct interaction with operator occurs before sale. No out-of-state sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; cottage food law is for home kitchen operations — no employee provisions in state law

Relevant county code

No county-level code for cottage food found. State: MCL §289.4102. City of Grand Rapids: Home Occupation License Ordinance.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan's Cottage Food Law (MCL §289.4102) is a Great-tier state law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap at state level, direct sales within Michigan only, no license required from MDARD. Must be primary residence. State law does not preempt local ordinances; operators must check local government rules. In Grand Rapids, Home Occupation licenses exist but are structured for different business types; food production home occupation likely falls under Class A or B (not the Class C lodging license found in search). Kent County townships (Kentwood, Wyoming, Walker, etc.) each have separate zoning codes. Annual sales cap of $25,000 noted on Kentwood city page — this may be an outdated figure from prior law; current state law has no cap. Confidence medium: state law confirmed from official MDARD page; local zoning details not fully confirmed for Kent County unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.accesskent.com

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/departments/clerks-office/business-licenses/apply-for-home-occupation-licenses/home-occupation-class-c-license/

https://www.kentwood.us/michigan_s_cottage_food_law.php

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/kent-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: KEWEENAW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #800* · FIPS 26083 · Eagle River

Keweenaw County

Population 2,156 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Keweenaw County Zoning Ordinance (Article X, Section 10.12.18) designates Home Occupations as a Conditional Use (RC) in AG, CE, R-1, R-2, RR, RS-1, RS-2, and B1 zoning districts. A zoning permit is required for any change of land use, including operating a food service establishment from home. Operators must contact the Keweenaw County Zoning and Construction Codes Department (ZCCD) in Eagle River. Eagle Harbor Township has its own separate zoning regulations. Western U.P. District Health Department handles on-site sewage and water supply matters.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Keweenaw County Zoning Ordinance (Article X, Section 10.12.18) designates Home Occupations as a Conditional Use (RC) in AG, CE, R-1, R-2, RR, RS-1, RS-2, and B1 zoning districts. A zoning permit is required for any change of land use, including operating a food service establishment from home. Operators must contact the Keweenaw County Zoning and Construction Codes Department (ZCCD) in Eagle River. Eagle Harbor Township has its own separate zoning regulations. Western U.P. District Health Department handles on-site sewage and water supply matters.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup (subject to local zoning conditional use approval). Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

Keweenaw County Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Section 10.12.18 (Home Occupations as Conditional Use). State: MCL §289.4102.

RESEARCH NOTES

Keweenaw County is the least populous county in Michigan and one of the least populous in the U.S. (pop. ~2,200). The Keweenaw County Zoning Ordinance (Article X, Section 10.12.18) specifically addresses home occupations as a Conditional Use (RC) in most residential and agricultural zoning districts. A zoning permit is required for operating a food service establishment from a home. Eagle Harbor Township has its own separate zoning regulations apart from the county ordinance. County Zoning Administrator: contact ZCCD at the Keweenaw County Courthouse, 5095 4th Street, Eagle River, MI 49950. Michigan state law (MCL §289.4102) provides the cottage food framework; Keweenaw County adds a local conditional use permit layer for home occupations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.keweenawcountyonline.org/department-zoning.php
https://www.keweenawcountyonline.org
https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods
https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102
https://www.keweenawcountyonline.org/department-zoning.php

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MICHIGAN: LAKE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #874* · FIPS 26085 · Baldwin

Lake County

Population 11,853 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Lake County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Baldwin has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Lake County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Baldwin has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Lake County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Lake County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Lake County is a small rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~11,900) with significant Manistee National Forest coverage. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: LAPEER COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2123* · FIPS 26087 · Lapeer

Lapeer County

Population 88,687 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Production must occur in the kitchen of the producer's primary domestic residence only. Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not qualify. Products must be non-potentially hazardous (no TCS foods). Annual sales cap: $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Products must be stored at primary residence. Direct sales within Michigan only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state-level requirement, but MDARD guidance recommends excluding pets from production areas during food handling. Complaint investigations may examine kitchen hygiene.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lapeer County and its municipalities each govern home occupation permits separately. MDARD explicitly states that cottage food operators must contact their local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations affecting their business. Lapeer City and Lapeer Township may have home occupation ordinances requiring permits if the business generates customer traffic.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MDARD may enter and inspect production/storage areas, view records, and take photos if a complaint is filed or a foodborne illness is linked to products. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Production must occur in the kitchen of the producer's primary domestic residence only. Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not qualify. Products must be non-potentially hazardous (no TCS foods). Annual sales cap: $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Products must be stored at primary residence. Direct sales within Michigan only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state-level requirement, but MDARD guidance recommends excluding pets from production areas during food handling. Complaint investigations may examine kitchen hygiene.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement; potable water expected.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory handwashing infrastructure requirement; safe food handling practices expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence in a manner that prevents adulteration from insects, chemicals, water damage, and insanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MDARD may enter and inspect production/storage areas, view records, and take photos if a complaint is filed or a foodborne illness is linked to products. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lapeer County and its municipalities each govern home occupation permits separately. MDARD explicitly states that cottage food operators must contact their local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations affecting their business. Lapeer City and Lapeer Township may have home occupation ordinances requiring permits if the business generates customer traffic.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, and from home are permitted. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales are allowed as long as the cottage food operation provides an opportunity for direct consumer interaction before the sale. All sales must remain within Michigan.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in the cottage food statute. Local home occupation ordinances may apply.

Relevant county code

No Lapeer County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. MCL §289.4102 governs. Lapeer County Health Department at 810-667-0392 handles food service licensing; cottage food operations are exempt from this licensing.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lapeer County Health Department page confirms it handles food service licensing but references the Michigan Cottage Food Law for cottage food operators. MDARD confirms cottage food operations are exempt from MDARD licensing and routine inspection. The 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap from $25,000 to $50,000, effective approximately March 2026. Local units of government may have additional requirements. Lapeer County Health Department contact: 810-667-0392, at 1800 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer MI 48446. Confidence is medium: state baseline confirmed from official MDARD source; county-level zoning not confirmed from official county code.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.lapeercountymi.gov/departments/health/food.php

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: LEELANAU COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #873* · FIPS 26089 · Leland

Leelanau County

Population 22,355 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Leelanau County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Leland, Suttons Bay, Empire, and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Leelanau County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Leland, Suttons Bay, Empire, and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Leelanau County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Leelanau County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Leelanau County is a scenic peninsula county (pop. ~22,400) northwest of Traverse City, known for wineries and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: LENAWEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #927* · FIPS 26091 · Adrian

Lenawee County

Population 99,263 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with no registration, no inspection, and no permit required at the state level. Annual gross sales capped at $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food production areas.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lenawee County zoning may require a home occupation permit depending on township or municipality. No county-wide cottage-food-specific permit found. Operators in Adrian or other municipalities should check local zoning ordinances.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No state inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with no registration, no inspection, and no permit required at the state level. Annual gross sales capped at $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no wholesale or consignment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food production areas.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations; must meet general potability standards.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; no specific statutory handwashing mandate for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored to prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No state inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lenawee County zoning may require a home occupation permit depending on township or municipality. No county-wide cottage-food-specific permit found. Operators in Adrian or other municipalities should check local zoning ordinances.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales allowed from home, at farmers markets, at events; online/mail order and third-party delivery allowed per 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026) with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; only operator and family members typically assumed.

Relevant county code

No Lenawee County-specific cottage food code section identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Lenawee County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Sales cap was $25,000 before 2025 amendment (HB 4122) raised it to $50,000 effective March 2026. Allowed foods include most baked goods, candies, dried goods, jams/jellies, nuts, snacks; prohibited are perishable baked goods, acidified foods, low-acid canned goods, pickles, fermented foods, carbonated drinks, kombucha. No inspection required. Local home occupation zoning varies by township; operators should verify with local planning department.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #540* · FIPS 26093 · Howell

Livingston County

Population 194,302 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 HB 4122) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: $50,000 (doubled from $25,000 by 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). No registration required. No routine inspection. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale/consignment). Online/mail-order/third-party delivery platform sales now permitted (2025 amendment) with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement. Livingston County is in the Detroit/Ann Arbor metro area.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state-level pet restriction in Michigan cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Livingston County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Howell City, Brighton, Hartland) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Contact Livingston County Planning/Zoning or relevant municipal planning office. Michigan does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning for cottage food.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 HB 4122) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: $50,000 (doubled from $25,000 by 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). No registration required. No routine inspection. Direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale/consignment). Online/mail-order/third-party delivery platform sales now permitted (2025 amendment) with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement. Livingston County is in the Detroit/Ann Arbor metro area.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Michigan cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for Michigan cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no specific statutory handwashing requirement for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Standard GMP storage.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Livingston County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Howell City, Brighton, Hartland) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Contact Livingston County Planning/Zoning or relevant municipal planning office. Michigan does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Michigan cottage food: direct sales from home, at events/markets, and online (2025 amendment added online/mail-order/third-party delivery platforms with virtual interaction requirement). $50,000 annual cap (effective March 2026; $25,000 cap applies until then).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Michigan cottage food statute. Sales by consignment or wholesale prohibited. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Livingston County zoning ordinances (contact Planning for home occupation)

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state baseline applies. Livingston County (county seat: Howell) is in the Ann Arbor/Detroit metro area. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) doubled the sales cap to $50,000 and explicitly allowed online/delivery sales with a virtual or face-to-face interaction requirement; effective March 2026. Note: as of research date (May 2026), the $50,000 cap is in effect.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: LUCE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #872* · FIPS 26095 · Newberry

Luce County

Population 6,229 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Luce County is a small rural Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Newberry has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Luce County is a small rural Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Newberry has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Luce County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Luce County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Luce County is a small, rural Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~6,200) with much of its land in national and state forests. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MACKINAC COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #871* · FIPS 26097 · Saint Ignace

Mackinac County

Population 10,973 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mackinac County is a largely rural Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Saint Ignace has its own ordinances. Mackinac Island (which lies within the county) has its own municipal regulations. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mackinac County is a largely rural Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Saint Ignace has its own ordinances. Mackinac Island (which lies within the county) has its own municipal regulations. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Mackinac County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Mackinac County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Mackinac County is a rural Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~11,000) at the Straits of Mackinac; it includes Mackinac Island, which has its own unique regulations (no motor vehicles; island governance differs). State law governs cottage food on the mainland; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MACOMB COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #472* · FIPS 26099 · Mount Clemens

Macomb County

Population 878,453 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 (Michigan Cottage Food Law; 2025 amendment HB 4122, effective March 2026 raising cap to $50,000) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be produced in a home kitchen. No separate commercial kitchen. No registration required. Maximum $50,000 annual sales (as of 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap $25,000). Direct sales only — no consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute; standard sanitation implied

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Macomb County has home occupation regulations for unincorporated areas. Most of Macomb County is incorporated (Sterling Heights, Warren, Clinton Township, etc.) with separate municipal home occupation permit rules. Check relevant municipality's planning/zoning department. State cottage food law does not preempt local home occupation zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102. MDARD may investigate foodborne illness complaints.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be produced in a home kitchen. No separate commercial kitchen. No registration required. Maximum $50,000 annual sales (as of 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap $25,000). Direct sales only — no consignment or wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; standard sanitation implied
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	No specific state requirement; standard sanitation implied
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; products must be non-potentially hazardous

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102. MDARD may investigate foodborne illness complaints.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Macomb County has home occupation regulations for unincorporated areas. Most of Macomb County is incorporated (Sterling Heights, Warren, Clinton Township, etc.) with separate municipal home occupation permit rules. Check relevant municipality's planning/zoning department. State cottage food law does not preempt local home occupation zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: in person (home, farmers markets, events); online with home delivery, mail, or third-party delivery (2025 amendment added online/mail/third-party delivery platform sales with virtual interaction requirement). No wholesale, no consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; municipal home occupation zoning varies

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state baseline applies to Macomb County. No Macomb County-specific cottage food ordinance found. The 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap to $50,000 and added online/mail/third-party delivery platform sales — effective March 2026. Macomb County is suburban Detroit; most residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own zoning codes. No Macomb County Environmental Health Department-specific cottage food page found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.macombgov.org

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: MANISTEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #870* · FIPS 26101 · Manistee

Manistee County

Population 24,552 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Manistee County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Manistee has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Manistee County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Manistee has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Manistee County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Manistee County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Manistee County is a rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~24,600) on Lake Michigan. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MARQUETTE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #685* · FIPS 26103 · Marquette

Marquette County

Population 66,376 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. City of Marquette LDC §54.621 governs home occupations within city limits; county townships have their own ordinances. Home occupation is a permitted use in residential districts in the City of Marquette.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
State law does not prohibit pets but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should be excluded during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City of Marquette requires home occupation compliance under LDC §54.621; a permit is required for home occupations in city limits. County townships have varying requirements. Contact Marquette City or relevant township zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. City of Marquette LDC §54.621 governs home occupations within city limits; county townships have their own ordinances. Home occupation is a permitted use in residential districts in the City of Marquette.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State law does not prohibit pets but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should be excluded during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required per state food safety guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Properly labeled, stored away from contaminants per state baseline

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of Marquette requires home occupation compliance under LDC §54.621; a permit is required for home occupations in city limits. County townships have varying requirements. Contact Marquette City or relevant township zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 MI amendment (effective March 2026). Customer pickup at home permitted subject to local zoning.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No non-family employees permitted under MI cottage food law

Relevant county code

City of Marquette LDC §54.621 (Home Occupations); county townships have separate ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state law (MCL §289.4102) governs cottage food statewide with $50,000 annual sales cap (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required at state level. City of Marquette's LDC §54.621 addresses home occupations and is a permitted use in residential districts. Marquette County is large and rural; most unincorporated areas follow township zoning. No specific Marquette County health department cottage food override found. County URLs were blank in input data.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/marquette-mi/doclibrary.aspx

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MICHIGAN: MASON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #869* · FIPS 26105 · Ludington

Mason County

Population 29,305 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mason County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Ludington has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mason County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Ludington has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Mason County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Mason County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Mason County is a rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~29,300) on Lake Michigan with Ludington as its county seat. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MECOSTA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #868* · FIPS 26107 · Big Rapids

Mecosta County

Population 43,641 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mecosta County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Big Rapids has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Mecosta County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Big Rapids has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Mecosta County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Mecosta County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Mecosta County is a rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~43,600) home to Ferris State University in Big Rapids. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MENOMINEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #867* · FIPS 26109 · Menominee

Menominee County

Population 22,780 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Menominee County is an Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Menominee has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Menominee County is an Upper Peninsula county bordering Wisconsin; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. City of Menominee has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Menominee County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Menominee County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Menominee County is a rural Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~22,800) on Green Bay across from Wisconsin. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MIDLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #2107* · FIPS 26111 · Midland

Midland County

Population 83,503 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Same as all Michigan counties: primary domestic residence kitchen only, non-PHF foods only, $50,000 annual cap (2025 amendment), direct sales within Michigan only. No registration or license required from MDARD. Contact local unit of government for local rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
MDARD guidance recommends excluding pets during production; complaint investigations may examine kitchen conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Midland County and the City of Midland may have home occupation permit requirements. MDARD explicitly notes operators must check with their local unit of government.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (MDARD may inspect upon complaint or foodborne illness link. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Same as all Michigan counties: primary domestic residence kitchen only, non-PHF foods only, $50,000 annual cap (2025 amendment), direct sales within Michigan only. No registration or license required from MDARD. Contact local unit of government for local rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	MDARD guidance recommends excluding pets during production; complaint investigations may examine kitchen conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific statutory requirement; potable water expected.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement; safe food handling expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at primary residence; prevent adulteration from insects, chemicals, water damage, insanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MDARD may inspect upon complaint or foodborne illness link. No routine inspections.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Midland County and the City of Midland may have home occupation permit requirements. MDARD explicitly notes operators must check with their local unit of government.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, from home, online, and via third-party delivery platforms (with direct consumer interaction opportunity). All sales within Michigan only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

No Midland County-specific cottage food code identified. MCL §289.4102 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Midland County is home to Dow Chemical (Dow Inc.) and has a significant chemical industry presence. Michigan cottage food framework applies uniformly. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official MDARD source; county-level rules not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MISSAUKEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #866* · FIPS 26113 · Lake City

Missaukee County

Population 15,000 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Missaukee County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Lake City has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Missaukee County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Lake City has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Missaukee County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Missaukee County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Missaukee County is a small rural north-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~15,000). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MONROE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #975* · FIPS 26115 · Monroe

Monroe County

Population 154,823 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Monroe County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Michigan cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Monroe County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Monroe County Zoning Ordinance; MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) raised cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery platform sales. Monroe County URLs verified from input. No Monroe County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.monroecounty.gov/health
https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning
https://www.monroecounty.gov
https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods
https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102
https://www.monroecounty.gov

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MICHIGAN: MONTCALM COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1030* · FIPS 26117 · Stanton

Montcalm County

Population 66,901 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. MDARD-approved non-PHF foods only. No acidified foods, no fermented foods, no low-acid canned foods. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Montcalm County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Stanton has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. MDARD-approved non-PHF foods only. No acidified foods, no fermented foods, no low-acid canned foods. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Montcalm County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Stanton has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan Great-tier state with $50,000 cap. Montcalm County is a rural county in west-central Michigan. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: MONTMORENCY COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #865* · FIPS 26119 · Atlanta

Montmorency County

Population 9,277 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Montmorency County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Atlanta has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Montmorency County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Atlanta has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Montmorency County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Montmorency County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Montmorency County is a small rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~9,300). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: MUSKEGON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #981* · FIPS 26121 · Muskegon

Muskegon County

Population 175,947 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Sales cap $50,000/year (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law does not require a permit from the local health department. Muskegon County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Muskegon has separate ordinances. Producers should check with local township or city. No county URLs provided in input.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Sales cap $50,000/year (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water from municipal or tested private supply.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Store products in clean, pest-free area separate from non-food items.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law does not require a permit from the local health department. Muskegon County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Muskegon has separate ordinances. Producers should check with local township or city. No county URLs provided in input.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (virtual interaction required under 2025 amendment).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction on household member participation.

Relevant county code

Township/City zoning ordinances vary; no county-level specific cottage food code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state law is the primary regulatory framework. Muskegon County has no separate county health department cottage food page identified. Local township zoning requirements vary. Same state baseline applies as other MI counties.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/muskegon-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: NEWAYGO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #449* · FIPS 26123 · White Cloud

Newaygo County

Population 50,130 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous approved foods only. Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). Annual sales cap $50,000. No consignment or wholesale.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (No specific Newaygo County cottage food or home occupation rules found. Individual townships within Newaygo County may have zoning resolutions. Recommend verifying with Newaygo County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No license or inspection required for qualifying cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous approved foods only. Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). Annual sales cap $50,000. No consignment or wholesale.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; no specific requirement in state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No license or inspection required for qualifying cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No specific Newaygo County cottage food or home occupation rules found. Individual townships within Newaygo County may have zoning resolutions. Recommend verifying with Newaygo County Planning/Zoning and the relevant township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail order allowed per 2025 amendment (MCL §289.4102, effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; Newaygo County Township Zoning Resolutions

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan's 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the sales cap to $50,000 and added online/mail order/delivery platform sales. Newaygo County is in west-central Michigan. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OAKLAND COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1198* · FIPS 26125 · Pontiac

Oakland County

Population 1,272,264 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Oakland County permit required. Local unit of government rules (city zoning, home occupation ordinances) may apply. Cities of Novi, Royal Oak, Troy, Farmington Hills, and Southfield within Oakland County have their own cottage food rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (No county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food. Oakland County allows home occupations in residential zones with conditions; business registration required for some municipalities. Operators should contact their local city/township for any applicable home business ordinances.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Upon-complaint (MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness linkage. No routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Oakland County permit required. Local unit of government rules (city zoning, home occupation ordinances) may apply. Cities of Novi, Royal Oak, Troy, Farmington Hills, and Southfield within Oakland County have their own cottage food rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored only in the primary domestic residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness linkage. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — No county-level home occupation permit required for cottage food. Oakland County allows home occupations in residential zones with conditions; business registration required for some municipalities. Operators should contact their local city/township for any applicable home business ordinances.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales required; wholesale/consignment prohibited. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery allowed if consumer can directly interact with operator before purchase. Sales within Michigan only. Annual gross sales cap: $50,000 (until Oct 1, 2026, then inflation-adjusted).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; local city codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Oakland County follows Michigan state baseline. No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. The 2025 Michigan amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap from $25,000 to $50,000. Cities of Novi, Royal Oak, Troy, Farmington Hills, and Southfield may have additional local rules. Optional MSU Product Center registration (one-time fee up to $50) allows use of registration number on labels instead of home address.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.oakgov.com

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OCEANA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #864* · FIPS 26127 · Hart

Oceana County

Population 26,467 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Oceana County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Hart and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Oceana County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Hart and other municipalities have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Oceana County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Oceana County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Oceana County is a rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~26,500) on Lake Michigan, known for fruit orchards and asparagus production. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OGEMAW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #863* · FIPS 26129 · West Branch

Ogemaw County

Population 21,699 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Ogemaw County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of West Branch has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Ogemaw County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of West Branch has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Ogemaw County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Ogemaw County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Ogemaw County is a small rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~21,700). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ONTONAGON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #862* · FIPS 26131 · Ontonagon

Ontonagon County

Population 5,705 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Ontonagon County is a very small Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Ontonagon has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Ontonagon County is a very small Upper Peninsula county; unincorporated areas governed by township zoning. Village of Ontonagon has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Ontonagon County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Ontonagon County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Ontonagon County is a very small, remote Upper Peninsula county (pop. ~5,700) bordering Lake Superior. Much of the county is Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park and Ottawa National Forest. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OSCEOLA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #861* · FIPS 26133 · Reed City

Osceola County

Population 23,460 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Osceola County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Reed City and Evart have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Osceola County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Reed City and Evart have their own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Osceola County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Osceola County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Osceola County is a small rural west-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~23,500). State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OSCODA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #860* · FIPS 26135 · Mio

Oscoda County

Population 8,460 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Oscoda County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Mio has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Oscoda County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Mio has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Oscoda County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Oscoda County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Oscoda County is one of Michigan's smallest rural counties (pop. ~8,500) in the northeast Lower Peninsula. Much of the county is Huron National Forest. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OTSEGO COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #859* · FIPS 26137 · Gaylord

Otsego County

Population 24,374 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Otsego County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Gaylord has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Otsego County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Gaylord has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Otsego County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Otsego County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Otsego County is a rural north-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~24,400) known for skiing at Boyne Mountain and Treetops Resort. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: OTTAWA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #978* · FIPS 26139 · Grand Haven

Ottawa County

Population 296,183 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102; no registration or inspection required; $50,000 annual sales cap; direct sales only; non-TCS foods · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; $50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; no retail/wholesale; labeling required)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (MI does not preempt local zoning. Ottawa County townships and municipalities (Grand Haven, Holland, Zeeland) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Complaint-based investigation possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; $50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; no retail/wholesale; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based investigation possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — MI does not preempt local zoning. Ottawa County townships and municipalities (Grand Haven, Holland, Zeeland) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

MI has $50,000 cap and direct sales only restriction. Ottawa County is West Michigan, includes Holland. No county-specific overlay found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.miottawa.org

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #858* · FIPS 26141 · Rogers City

Presque Isle County

Population 12,644 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Presque Isle County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Rogers City has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Presque Isle County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Rogers City has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or city zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Presque Isle County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and city zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Presque Isle County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Presque Isle County is a small rural northeast Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~12,600) on Lake Huron. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and city zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ROSCOMMON COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #857* · FIPS 26143 · Roscommon

Roscommon County

Population 24,044 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Roscommon County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Roscommon has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second homes, vacation homes, and motor homes do not qualify if not primary residence. Products must be stored at primary residence. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per good manufacturing practices; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required for cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law exempts cottage food operators from MDARD licensing and inspection but expressly requires operators to contact their local unit of government regarding local regulations. Roscommon County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; Village of Roscommon has its own ordinances. Operators should verify with local township or village zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 HB 4122 amendment (effective March 2026) provided direct consumer interaction occurs before or during the transaction.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state limit specified; cottage food law assumes operator and household members only; non-household employees not addressed.

Relevant county code

No county-level cottage food code section identified for Roscommon County. State: MCL §289.4102. Township and village zoning ordinances vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food rules found for Roscommon County. Rules reflect Michigan state baseline under MCL §289.4102. Roscommon County is a small rural north-central Lower Peninsula county (pop. ~24,000) with Houghton Lake (Michigan's largest inland lake) as a major feature. State law governs; no county health department cottage food override identified. Local township and village zoning for home occupations varies. 2025 HB 4122 raised annual sales cap to $50,000 and authorized online/delivery sales effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: SAGINAW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #982* · FIPS 26145 · Saginaw

Saginaw County

Population 189,821 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Must use residential kitchen. Sales cap $50,000/year (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Non-potentially hazardous foods only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No explicit state pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should not be in food prep areas during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Michigan state law (MCL §289.4102) does not require a permit from the local health department. Local zoning/township may require a home occupation permit. Saginaw County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Saginaw has separate ordinances. Producers should check with local township or city.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based investigation possible via MDARD.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must use residential kitchen. Sales cap $50,000/year (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignment or wholesale. Non-potentially hazardous foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should not be in food prep areas during production.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water from municipal or tested private supply.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing required per GMP; no state-mandated separate handwashing sink required.
FOOD STORAGE	Store products in clean, pest-free area separate from non-food items.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based investigation possible via MDARD.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Michigan state law (MCL §289.4102) does not require a permit from the local health department. Local zoning/township may require a home occupation permit. Saginaw County unincorporated areas governed by township zoning; City of Saginaw has separate ordinances. Producers should check with local township or city.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online orders with in-state delivery (virtual interaction required under 2025 amendment).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction on household member participation; non-household employees not addressed under cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Township/City zoning ordinances vary; no county-level specific cottage food code found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state law is the primary regulatory framework; no county-level cottage food code found. County URLs were blank in input. State allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods up to $50,000/year (2025 amendment). Saginaw County has no separate county health department cottage food page identified. Local township zoning requirements vary.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: SANILAC COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1495* · FIPS 26151 · Sandusky

Sanilac County

Population 40,293 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to $50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Local zoning may impose additional home occupation requirements; operators must check with local township or municipality.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state-level permit required. Sanilac County is a largely rural Michigan Thumb county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Sanilac Township's zoning ordinance defines home occupations as clearly incidental and secondary use within dwelling only, no external evidence, max 25% floor area. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to $50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Local zoning may impose additional home occupation requirements; operators must check with local township or municipality.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Sanilac County is a largely rural Michigan Thumb county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Sanilac Township's zoning ordinance defines home occupations as clearly incidental and secondary use within dwelling only, no external evidence, max 25% floor area. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

No county-wide cottage food zoning ordinance identified; township-level home occupation provisions apply. Sanilac Township Zoning Ordinance Sec. 5.6 (Home Occupation) as reference.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sanilac County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. Michigan state law governs; local zoning is township-level. Sanilac County is a rural agricultural county in the Michigan Thumb region. State law preempts county from imposing licensing/inspection requirements on cottage food operations but local home occupation zoning standards still apply. Defaulted to state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.sanilaccounty.net

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1518* · FIPS 26153 · Manistique

Schoolcraft County

Population 8,178 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to $50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Local zoning may impose additional home occupation requirements; operators must check with local township or municipality.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state-level permit required. Schoolcraft County is a small, rural Upper Peninsula county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator in Manistique or surrounding townships.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to $50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Local zoning may impose additional home occupation requirements; operators must check with local township or municipality.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level permit required. Schoolcraft County is a small, rural Upper Peninsula county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator in Manistique or surrounding townships.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

No county-wide cottage food zoning ordinance identified; township-level home occupation provisions apply.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Schoolcraft County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. Michigan state law governs; local zoning is township-level. Schoolcraft County is a sparsely populated Upper Peninsula county with a small county seat of Manistique. Defaulted to state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.schoolcraftcounty.net

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1033* · FIPS 26155 · Corunna

Shiawassee County

Population 68,124 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Approved non-PHF foods only per MDARD list. No perishable baked goods, no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods, no fermented foods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No county govt URL provided. Shiawassee County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Corunna has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Annual sales cap $50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale or consignment. Approved non-PHF foods only per MDARD list. No perishable baked goods, no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods, no fermented foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Good sanitation practices implied
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No county govt URL provided. Shiawassee County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Corunna has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan Great-tier state with $50,000 cap. Shiawassee County is a rural county in mid-Michigan. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #977* · FIPS 26147 · Port Huron

St. Clair County

Population 160,257 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (St. Clair County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap was $25,000). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Michigan cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — St. Clair County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

St. Clair County Zoning Ordinance; MCL §289.4102

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) raised cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery platform sales. No St. Clair County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1626* · FIPS 26149 · Centreville

St. Joseph County

Population 60,887 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. No registration, no inspection required. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only. Only specific allowed products under the approved list.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (St. Joseph County and local townships/municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with their local township or the St. Joseph County Planning and Zoning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine or complaint-only inspection authority specified for cottage food in MCL §289.4102.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. No registration, no inspection required. $50,000 annual sales cap (raised from $25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only. Only specific allowed products under the approved list.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general GMP.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable. No reduced oxygen packaging.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine or complaint-only inspection authority specified for cottage food in MCL §289.4102.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — St. Joseph County and local townships/municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with their local township or the St. Joseph County Planning and Zoning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers only (no wholesale or consignment). Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. 2025 amendment allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platforms with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (effective March 2026).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute; family members may assist.

Relevant county code

St. Joseph County zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for St. Joseph County. State baseline (MCL §289.4102) applies. Michigan uses an approved product list approach; not all non-TCS foods qualify. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes are permitted. 2025 amendment (HB 4122) raised cap to $50,000 and added online/delivery sales platform allowance, effective March 2026.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: TUSCOLA COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #895* · FIPS 26157 · Caro

Tuscola County

Population 53,218 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 (amended 2025; cap raised to $50,000 effective March 2026) · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. Direct sales only. Annual cap $50,000 (as of 2025 amendment effective March 2026; prior cap $25,000). No registration or inspection required. Allowed: baked goods, candies, condiments (honey, nut butters, syrups, vinegars), dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed (with face-to-face or virtual interaction) per 2025 amendment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific MI state or Tuscola County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (No state registration required for cottage food operations. Tuscola County is a rural agricultural county (Thumb region). No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Tuscola County government in Caro for home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspections; MDARD may investigate on complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. Direct sales only. Annual cap $50,000 (as of 2025 amendment effective March 2026; prior cap $25,000). No registration or inspection required. Allowed: baked goods, candies, condiments (honey, nut butters, syrups, vinegars), dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks. Online/mail order/third-party delivery platform sales allowed (with face-to-face or virtual interaction) per 2025 amendment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MI state or Tuscola County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement; recommended best practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous only. Prohibited: acidified foods, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, candied apples, alcohol confections, meat jerkies, juices, carbonated drinks, kombucha. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections; MDARD may investigate on complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state registration required for cottage food operations. Tuscola County is a rural agricultural county (Thumb region). No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Tuscola County government in Caro for home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction (per 2025 amendment). No consignment or wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in MI statute.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; no Tuscola County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Tuscola County is in Michigan's Thumb agricultural region. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State baseline: 2025 HB 4122 doubled the cap from $25,000 to $50,000 (effective March 2026) and explicitly added online/mail order/third-party delivery. The michigan.gov MDARD page returned 403 during crawl; information from state research notes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: VAN BUREN COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1109* · FIPS 26159 · Paw Paw

Van Buren County

Population 75,636 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. $50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. No wholesale or consignment.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Not specified in state statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (State law does not require a home occupation permit for cottage food. Van Buren County may have local zoning requirements. No Van Buren County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. $50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. No wholesale or consignment.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	No food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — State law does not require a home occupation permit for cottage food. Van Buren County may have local zoning requirements. No Van Buren County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consignment. No sales outside Michigan.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee restriction specified.

Relevant county code

No Van Buren County-specific cottage food code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Van Buren County follows Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) as amended in 2025. $50,000 cap effective March 2026. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

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MICHIGAN: WASHTENAW COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1743* · FIPS 26161 · Ann Arbor

Washtenaw County

Population 370,231 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Conditional (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). Direct sales only. Online/mail order and third-party delivery permitted with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (2025 amendment). Allowed foods: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks (specific permitted list). No state registration required. Local zoning compliance required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (Washtenaw County municipalities (Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline, Chelsea, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Ann Arbor has active zoning enforcement. Operators should verify with local city/township whether home occupation permit required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional — Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of $50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025, effective March 2026). Direct sales only. Online/mail order and third-party delivery permitted with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (2025 amendment). Allowed foods: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks (specific permitted list). No state registration required. Local zoning compliance required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Washtenaw County municipalities (Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline, Chelsea, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Ann Arbor has active zoning enforcement. Operators should verify with local city/township whether home occupation permit required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. No consignment or wholesale. Online/mail/third-party delivery with face-to-face or virtual interaction permitted per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local zoning rules vary.

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102 (state cottage food); local Washtenaw County municipal zoning codes vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) confirmed from state baseline. 2025 amendment (HB 4122) raised cap to $50,000, allowed online/mail/third-party delivery. Washtenaw County includes University of Michigan community — active farmers market and food entrepreneurship culture. No state registration. Local zoning compliance required. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Washtenaw County local zoning not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.washtenaw.org

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/washtenaw-county-discuss

MICHIGAN: WAYNE COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1684* · FIPS 26163 · Detroit

Wayne County

Population 1,781,641 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · HIGH

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan's Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Wayne County permit is required. Operators must comply with state labeling and food safety standards. Local unit of government rules (city zoning, home occupation ordinances) may still apply. Cities of Detroit, Dearborn, Livonia, and Westland have their own cottage food rules that may differ from county-level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (No Wayne County-level home occupation permit required for unincorporated areas. Wayne County largely consists of incorporated cities/townships. Operators should contact their local unit of government for any applicable home business or home occupation ordinances. Wayne County allows home-based businesses in residential unincorporated communities with a home occupation permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (MDARD may investigate cottage food operations upon complaint or foodborne illness linkage. No routine inspection.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Michigan's Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Wayne County permit is required. Operators must comply with state labeling and food safety standards. Local unit of government rules (city zoning, home occupation ordinances) may still apply. Cities of Detroit, Dearborn, Livonia, and Westland have their own cottage food rules that may differ from county-level.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored only in the primary domestic residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — MDARD may investigate cottage food operations upon complaint or foodborne illness linkage. No routine inspection.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — No Wayne County-level home occupation permit required for unincorporated areas. Wayne County largely consists of incorporated cities/townships. Operators should contact their local unit of government for any applicable home business or home occupation ordinances. Wayne County allows home-based businesses in residential unincorporated communities with a home occupation permit.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales required; wholesale/consignment prohibited. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery allowed if consumer can directly interact with operator before purchase. Sales within Michigan only. Annual gross sales cap: $50,000 (until Oct 1, 2026, then inflation-adjusted); $75,000 if unit price $250+.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies (no employee limit specified, but operation must be in operator's primary domestic residence)

Relevant county code

MCL §289.4102; local city codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan Cottage Food Law is state-administered with no county-level registration required. The 2025 amendment (HB 4122) doubled the cap from $25,000 to $50,000 effective October 2025/March 2026. Operators may optionally register with MSU Product Center (one-time fee up to $50) to receive a registration number for labels instead of home address. Cities of Detroit, Dearborn, Livonia, and Westland may have additional local rules. Wayne County includes Detroit — the largest city in Michigan.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/phs.aspx
https://www.waynecounty.com
https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information
https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

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MICHIGAN: WEXFORD COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1519* · FIPS 26165 · Cadillac

Wexford County

Population 34,460 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · MEDIUM

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to $50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from the primary residence with no license or registration required. Direct sales, online, mail order, and third-party delivery platforms permitted (with direct interaction requirement). Sales within Michigan only. Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5 governs home occupations at the county level and defines them as occupations conducted entirely within a residential structure, incidental to residential use, occupying no more than 25% of floor area, with no external evidence and max one non-resident employee.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5 (Sec. 3.2) defines home occupations as activities conducted entirely within a residential structure, incidental to residential use, no more than 25% of dwelling floor area (excluding attic/basement), no external evidence of business use, one illuminated non-flashing sign up to 6 sq ft permitted on front wall, and no more than one non-resident employee. Activity must be within the dwelling, not in an accessory building. The Wexford Joint Zoning Ordinance of 2017 also defines a separate 'Cottage Industry' category for activities at a greater scale than home occupation.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond general food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5 (Sec. 3.2) defines home occupations as activities conducted entirely within a residential structure, incidental to residential use, no more than 25% of dwelling floor area (excluding attic/basement), no external evidence of business use, one illuminated non-flashing sign up to 6 sq ft permitted on front wall, and no more than one non-resident employee. Activity must be within the dwelling, not in an accessory building. The Wexford Joint Zoning Ordinance of 2017 also defines a separate 'Cottage Industry' category for activities at a greater scale than home occupation.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee (per Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5 Sec. 3.2).

Relevant county code

Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5, Sec. 3.2 (Home Occupations/Home Professional Offices); Wexford Joint Zoning Ordinance of 2017 Sec. 1082 (Home Occupations).

RESEARCH NOTES

Wexford County Zoning Ordinance #5 (adopted 1995, amended 2012) found via energyzoning.org. Sec. 3.2 governs home occupations with clear standards: entirely in dwelling, max 25% floor area, no external evidence, one non-resident employee, one small sign. The Wexford Joint Zoning Ordinance of 2017 defines home occupation as automatic allowed use without permit; cottage industry as a distinct scaled-up category. County seat is Cadillac. State cottage food law allows up to $50,000 in annual sales from home kitchen.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://wexfordcounty.org

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https://wexfordcounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/WexfordCoZoningOrdinance5_amended2012.pdf

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/wexford-county-discuss

Crosodo Index methodology: The Crosodo Index is our internal 1–N ranking of U.S. counties by how friendly the combined state + county rules are for home-based cottage food bakers. Score components (higher = better): home kitchen allowed (30/15/5), no dedicated kitchen required (25), pets allowed (15), no home occupation permit (15), on-site pickup allowed (10), no inspection (10), no local business license (5), high data confidence (5), plus state tier bonus (Freedom +20, Great +15, Good +10, Okay +5). Data drawn from county zoning codes, health department rules, and state cottage food statutes (primarily the county_cottage_food_zoning research set and state statutes CSV, last verified ~2026). Ranks are global across ~3,000 counties. Counties with sparse or missing data receive lower/default scores. This is a research and prioritization tool only — always verify current rules directly with your state department of

agriculture/health and your county planning & health offices. The original U.S. Census population rank is retained in source data for reference but is no longer used for primary display or sorting in Crosodo materials.

Questions?

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