

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Alcona County

Michigan · Harrisville · FIPS 26001 · Population 10,624 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MCL §289.4102	Great	50000	MEDIUM	2026-05-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Alcona County, Michigan — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

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

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Michigan label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (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.alconacounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Alcona County	Alpena County	Iosco County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction, but standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026) with ...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000 (raised from \$25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration required. No inspection r...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only. Products stored in food-safe containers.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.
POPULATION	10,238	28,612	24,190

State context — Michigan cottage food law

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

STATUTE

MCL §289.4102

ANNUAL SALES CAP

50000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

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.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Michigan cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/michigan.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

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

crosodo.com/nb/michigan/alcona-county-discuss

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