

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Cass County

Michigan · Cassopolis · FIPS 26027 · Population 51,604 ·  
Crosodo Index #509\*

| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| MCL §289.4102  | Great      | 50000                    | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-05    |

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

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

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

## How to start — 60-second path

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

**50000**

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**No**

PETS

**Not specified in state cottage food law.**

### 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.

## MICHIGAN: CASS COUNTY

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## 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

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## 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 &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

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## 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.casscounty.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/cass-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/cass-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Cass County                                                                                                                                    | St. Joseph County                                                                                                                              | Van Buren County                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state cottage food law.                                                                                                       | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         | Not specified in state statute.                                                                                                                 |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (MCL §289.4102, effec... | Direct sales to consumers only (no wholesale or consignment). Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. 2025 amendment allows online/... | Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consign...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only (approved list). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-... | Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. No registration, no inspection required... | Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. \$50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.                                                                            | Products must be non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable. No reduced oxygen packaging.                                                         | Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.                           |
| POPULATION                 | 51,604                                                                                                                                         | 60,887                                                                                                                                         | 75,636                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Michigan cottage food law

Cass 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.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| STATUTE               | ANNUAL SALES CAP  |
| MCL §289.4102         | 50000             |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| No                    | No                |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION    | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| No                    | 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.

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/michigan).

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### 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/>

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## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

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#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

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[crosodo.com/nb/michigan/cass-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/michigan/cass-county-discuss)

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