

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Macomb County

Michigan · Mount Clemens · FIPS 26099 · Population
878,453 · Crosodo Index #472*

STATE BASELINE

MCL §289.4102 (Michigan Cottage Food Law; 2025 amendment HB 4122, effective March 2026 raising cap to \$50,000)

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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

Macomb 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 statute;
standard sanitation implied**

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 (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

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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

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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 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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Macomb County	Oakland County	Wayne County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute; standard sanitation implied	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only: in person (home, farmers markets, events); online with home delivery, mail, or third-party delivery (2025 amendmen...	Direct sales required; wholesale/consignment prohibited. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery allowed if consumer can directly inte...	Direct sales required; wholesale/consignment prohibited. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery allowed if consumer can directly inte...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	Must be produced in a home kitchen. No separate commercial kitchen. No registration required. Maximum \$50,000 annual sales (as of 2025 amen...	Michigan Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Oakland County permit required. ...	Michigan's Cottage Food Law exempts cottage food operations from MDARD licensing and inspection. No separate Wayne County permit is require...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; products must be non-potentially hazardous	Products must be stored only in the primary domestic residence.	Products must be stored only in the primary domestic residence.
POPULATION	878,453	1,272,264	1,781,641

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Macomb 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	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.

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/>

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

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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INSURANCE

Advertise here — Insurance

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LOCAL

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