

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wayne County

Michigan · Detroit · FIPS 26163 · Population 1,781,641 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MCL §289.4102	Great	50000	HIGH	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

State baseline applies

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?

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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

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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

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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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Michigan cottage food law

Wayne 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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