

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Cook County

Minnesota · Grand Marais · FIPS 27031 · Population 5,571 ·  
Crosodo Index #1552\*

STATE BASELINE

Minn. Stat. §28A.152

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

78000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Cook County, Minnesota — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

### HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

### STATE SALES CAP

**78000**

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Varies**

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Conditional**

### INSPECTION

**No**

### PETS

**No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Minnesota 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
- ☐ Minnesota home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Open the live county page →**

**Minnesota label one-pager →**

**Local notes & questions →**

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

## MINNESOTA: COOK COUNTY

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## Cook County

Population 5,571 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods from a home kitchen. Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year): free online training only. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year): paid training course and \$30 annual registration fee required. Direct sales, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods cannot be sold across state lines.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Cook County is the northeastern-most Minnesota county bordering Lake Superior and Canada, with county seat Grand Marais (an arts and tourism community). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Cook County planning or their local township.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Complaint-based investigation only.)

## 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 food safety training requirements.

## FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.

## Inspection &amp; permitting

## INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — Complaint-based investigation only.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

|                         |                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                               |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                               |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state cottage food statute.                                                                                              |

**Relevant county code**

No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified; state MDA rules govern.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Cook County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Cook County is a remote, scenic county with Grand Marais as the only city. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.co.cook.mn.us>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/minnesota/cook-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/minnesota/cook-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Cook County                                                                                                                                     | Lake County                                                                                                                                     | Keweenaw County                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.                                                             | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.                                                             | 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    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.       | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.       | Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup (subject to local ... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ... | Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ... | 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 foods only; no refrigeration required.                                                                                | Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.                                                                                | Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.    |
| POPULATION                 | 5,611                                                                                                                                           | 10,915                                                                                                                                          | 2,156                                                                                                                                          |

## State context — Minnesota cottage food law

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

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| STATUTE               | ANNUAL SALES CAP  |
| Minn. Stat. §28A.152  | 78000             |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FOOD HANDLER CERT |
| Yes                   | Yes               |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION    | DIRECT SALES ONLY |
| No                    | No                |
| INDIRECT SALES        |                   |

No — Sales are limited to direct-to-consumer channels: community events, farmers markets, from the producer's home, online (in-state delivery by the producer personally or by mail/commercial delivery), and fundraising donations. Restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands, mail order wholesale, and catering are prohibited. All deliveries must be made by the producer personally unless shipped by mail or commercial delivery upon a prior online sale. Home-canned products in the pH/water-activity exemption category (Subd. 1(a)(2)) may not be sold outside of Minnesota.

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

### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

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

**Questions about Cook 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/minnesota/cook-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/minnesota/cook-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

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

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Cook County, Minnesota. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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