

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Wright County

Minnesota · Buffalo · FIPS 27171 · Population 142,543 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Minn. Stat. §28A.152

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

78000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Wright 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Annual sales capped at \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed with July 2025 base). Two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free registration training; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000) requires \$50 training course (renewed every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. Registration with MDA required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wright County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Buffalo and others) have their own home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection. MDA or local authority may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required.

HANDWASHING

Required per food safety standards.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS (non-refrigerated) finished products required. Home-canned products must have pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less. Stored in food-safe containers.

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 sales permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside of Minnesota. Other cottage food products can be sold at any venue including online.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified at state level for cottage food operations.

Relevant county code

Not identified for Wright County; state law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (MN) confirmed: Minn. Stat. §28A.152, \$78,000 cap (2025 amendment). Wright County is a suburban/exurban county west of the Twin Cities metro. No county-specific cottage food URLs or ordinances identified. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wrightcounty.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Wright County	Stearns County	Carver County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside of Minnesota. Other cottage food products can be sold at any venue inc...	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Home-canned products may n...	Direct-to-consumer only. No indirect sales (outside of farmers market context). Home-canned goods category may not be sold outside Minnesot...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual sales capped at \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed with July 2025 base). Two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires fre...	Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...	Minnesota's two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) — free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training only; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated) finished products required. Home-canned products must have pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less. Store...	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Low-acid canned foods, chocolate-covered fruit, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, perishable ba...
POPULATION	142,543	158,622	107,216

State context — Minnesota cottage food law

Wright 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.

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 Wright 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/wright-county-discuss

Classifieds

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