

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Fond du Lac County

Wisconsin · Fond du Lac · FIPS 55039 · Population 104,027 ·
Crosodo Index #290*

STATE BASELINE

Wis. Stat. §97.29

STATE TIER

Freedom

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered

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

Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state restriction.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Wisconsin 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 (Wisconsin's cottage food landscape: (1) §97.29(2)(b)2: home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) at community events or farmers markets, \$5,000/year cap; (2) Kivirist order (2017): home bakers may sell shelf-stable, nonhazardous baked goods direct to consumer without a license; (3) 2024 court ruling: Kivirist does NOT extend to unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy). No food handler cert or registration required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Fond du Lac County and the City of Fond du Lac may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Fond du Lac County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections for qualifying cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing practices recommended.
FOOD STORAGE	Baked goods only under Kivirist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill (\$5,000 cap). Unbaked goods require DATCP food processing plant license.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections for qualifying cottage food operations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Fond du Lac County and the City of Fond du Lac may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Fond du Lac County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked goods require food processing plant license.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified. Kivistik implies small personal operation.

Relevant county code

No specific Fond du Lac County code section identified. State law governs: Wis. Stat. §97.29.

RESEARCH NOTES

State tier is 'Freedom'. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.fond-du-lac.wi.us>

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/wisconsin/fond-du-lac-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Fond du Lac County	Sheboygan County	Dodge County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified in Kivirist order, but kitchen hygiene (not in question) is a key condition of the Kivirist exemption.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked good...	Wisconsin: direct sales only. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only. Kivirist: direct consumer sales at low volume. No who...	Kivirist exception requires direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale. Home pickup and delivery to consumers is permitted under this fram...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Wisconsin's cottage food landscape: (1) \$97.29(2)(b)2: home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) at community events or fa...	Wisconsin: (1) Pickle Bill (\$97.29) allows home-canned acidified foods with pH ≤4.6 up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers market...	Wisconsin cottage food law is unusual: the Kivirist court order allows home bakers (of good character, sanitary kitchen) to sell non-potent...
FOOD STORAGE	Baked goods only under Kivirist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill (\$5,000 cap). Unbaked goods require DATCP food processing p...	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and home-canned acidified foods (pH ≤4.6). Unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy) require food processin...	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general sanitation.
POPULATION	104,027	117,741	89,032

State context — Wisconsin cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Wis. Stat. §97.29

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Home-canned goods must be sold at community or social events or farmers' markets in Wisconsin (§97.29(2)(b)2.b). The Kivist court order applies to direct-to-consumer sales by home bakers. Products cannot be sold to retail food establishments or distributed through wholesale channels without a license.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Wisconsin cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/wisconsin.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

State dept cottage food page: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

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

Questions about Fond du Lac County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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