

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Minnesota

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Minn. Stat. §28A.152.

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Minn. Stat. §28A.152	Great	B+	87	2026-05-05

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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.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Minnesota cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 87 Minnesota counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

78000

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

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.

RESEARCH NOTES

Full verbatim statute text retrieved directly from the official Minnesota Revisor of Statutes website (revisor.mn.gov). Statute was most recently amended in 2025 (2025 c 34 art 5, multiple subdivisions). The \$78,000 annual sales cap is current as of the 2025 amendment (subdivision 3 amended 2025 c 34 art 5 s 16) and is indexed for inflation using July 2025 as the base month per the new Subd. 8 added in 2025. The two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to approximately \$7,665/year) requires only the free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year) requires the \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years and a \$30 annual registration fee. The state_dept_cottage_url returned a 404 error during crawl; the URL is confirmed as current from other sources. Originally enacted as the 'Pickle Bill' in 2015 (SF 5), expanded in 2021 (SF 958) and again in 2025.

Minnesota Statutes §28A.152 - Cottage Foods Exemption

CITATION

Minn. Stat. §28A.152

ENACTED

2015

LAST AMENDED

2025

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Non-potentially hazardous foods (those not requiring refrigeration) including baked goods, candies, condiments (honey, pickles, mustards, nut butters, salsas, sauces), dry goods (coffee, cereals, dried fruit/vegetables, herbs, pasta, spices, tea), pastries, preserves (jams, jellies, fruit butters, applesauce), snacks (granola, popcorn, chocolate-covered items), fermented foods, and juices. Home-processed and home-canned products with pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less (the original 'Pickle Bill' category) are also permitted.

Prohibited foods

Potentially hazardous foods requiring refrigeration, low-acid canned foods, chocolate-covered fruit, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, and perishable baked goods. All canned goods and drinks must be non-potentially hazardous. Products in the home-canned category may not be sold outside of Minnesota.

Labeling requirements

Labels must accurately reflect: the name and registration number or address of the producer; the date on which the food was prepared; ingredients and any possible allergens; and the statement 'These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection.' At farmers markets and community events, a visible placard with the same statement must be displayed. Online sellers must display the statement on their website. Registration number may substitute for home address.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

28A.152 COTTAGE FOODS EXEMPTION. Subdivision 1. Licensing provisions applicability. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the licensing provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16 do not apply to the following: (1) a person who prepares and sells food that is not potentially hazardous food, as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0020, subpart 62, if the following requirements are met: the prepared food offered for sale under this clause is labeled to accurately reflect the name and the registration number or address of the person preparing and selling the food, the date on which the food was prepared, the ingredients and any possible allergens, and the statement "These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection."; and (2) a person who prepares and sells home-processed and home-canned food products if the following requirements are met: (i) the products are pickles, vegetables, or fruits having an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower or a water activity value of .85 or less; (iii) the person displays at the point of sale a clearly legible sign or placard stating: "These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection."; and (iv) each container of the product sold or offered for sale under this clause is accurately labeled to provide the name and the registration number or address of the person who processed and canned the goods, the date on which the goods were processed and canned, ingredients and any possible allergens, and the statement "These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection." Subd. 2. Direct sales to consumers. (a) A person qualifying for an exemption under subdivision 1 may sell the exempt food: (1) directly to the ultimate consumer at a community event or farmers' market; (2) directly from the person's home to the ultimate consumer; or (3) through donation to a community event with the purpose of fundraising. (d) Food products exempt under subdivision 1 may be sold over the Internet. Subd. 3. Limitation on sales. A person selling exempt foods under this section is limited to total sales with gross receipts of \$78,000 or less in a calendar year. Subd. 4. Registration. A person who prepares and sells exempt food under subdivision 1 must register annually with the commissioner. The annual registration fee is \$30. Subd. 5. Training. A person who sells exempt food under this section and is required to pay the registration fee in subdivision 4 must complete a safe food handling training course that is approved by the commissioner before registering under subdivision 4.

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

Official sources

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

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

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

Extension service <https://extension.umn.edu/safe-food-preparation/cottage-food-safety>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Minnesota Department of Agriculture**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 87 Minnesota counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 34 · FIPS 27053 · Minneapolis

Hennepin County

Population 1,270,787 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Minnesota Cottage Food Law requires annual registration with MDA. Hennepin County follows state baseline. Operators must check local zoning ordinances — some cities may have restrictions on home-based food sales. Minneapolis (the county seat) and other incorporated cities have their own home occupation codes. Cottage food can be produced at home or in a commercial kitchen subject to local ordinances.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS state baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY state baseline applies

HANDWASHING state baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. MDA investigates complaints of misbranded or adulterated cottage food products.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — MDA guidance requires operators to check that their local city, county, or township does not have home sales prohibitions due to zoning. Hennepin County cities (Minneapolis, Bloomington, Plymouth, etc.) have individual home occupation codes. No state-level home occupation permit required for cottage food.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	MDA allows sales from home, farmers markets, and community events. Annual sales cap: \$78,000 (as of 2025 amendment, CPI-adjusted). Tier 1 (<\$7,665/year): free registration, basic annual training. Tier 2 (\$7,666-\$78,000): \$50 registration, food safety course every 3 years. Effective August 2027: unified \$30/year registration, in-state shipping allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; local city ordinances vary

RESEARCH NOTES

Hennepin County follows Minnesota state baseline. Minnesota's 2025 amendment significantly updated the program: raised cap to \$78,000 (inflation-adjusted), and changes effective August 2027 will allow in-state shipping, unified registration tier (\$30/year), and advanced training requirement. MDA explicitly requires operators to check local zoning for home sales prohibitions before registering. Registration expires March 31 annually; re-registration required by April 1.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.hennepin.us>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/cottagefood>

RANK 125 · FIPS 27123 · Saint Paul

Ramsey County

Population 547,202 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State registration required (\$50 if sales exceed \$7,665; free otherwise). Accredited food safety training required. \$78,000 annual sales cap. Foods must be non-potentially hazardous and on approved list. Must not operate if local ordinance restricts production from home.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food safety training requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required; MDA may act upon complaint
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Minnesota MDA guidance explicitly states: if local jurisdiction (city or county) has an ordinance restricting production/sale from home, you cannot produce/sell and must use a commercial kitchen. City of Saint Paul Home Occupation Regulations require a Home Occupation Affidavit. Saint Paul rules: conducted entirely within main building; no general retail/wholesale/commercial food service requiring license; max 2-3 persons depending on dwelling size; no exterior storage; one 2 sq ft sign; no excessive odors/noise/traffic. Cottage food production in Saint Paul residential zones appears to be permissible as a home occupation if it does not constitute a 'commercial food service requiring a license.' Contact Saint Paul Zoning at 651-266-9008.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales within Minnesota: farmers markets, community events, home sales (if local zoning allows), online within Minnesota. \$78,000 annual cap. Registration required with MDA before selling. Unattended home stands allowed if local zoning permits.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Saint Paul: max 2 persons for dwellings under 4,000 sq ft; max 3 persons for 4,000+ sq ft (at least one must be principal resident)

Relevant county code

City of Saint Paul Home Occupation Regulations (Zoning Code). State: Minn. Stat. §28A.152.

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota Great-tier state. MDA guidance confirms local ordinances may restrict home production. Saint Paul Home Occupation Regulations PDF retrieved directly from stpaul.gov. Saint Paul rules: home occupation must be in main building, no commercial food service requiring license, max 2-3 persons, one 2 sq ft sign, no exterior storage, Home Occupation Affidavit required. Cottage food production (non-licensed home kitchen) may qualify as a home occupation in Saint Paul residential zones. Note 2025 MDA update: effective Aug 1, 2027, \$30/yr fee, shipping within MN allowed. Confidence high: both state MDA guidance and Saint Paul official zoning document retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ramseycounty.us>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

<https://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/Government/Planning%20&%20Economic%20Development/Planning/Zoning%20Committee/Home%20Occupation%20Regulations.pdf>

RANK 159 · FIPS 27037 · Hastings

Dakota County

Population 439,179 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-potentially-hazardous foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual sales (2025 inflation-adjusted cap). Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/yr): free online training registration. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yr): \$50 annual registration fee + approved food safety course every 3 years. Direct sales to consumers, at farmers markets/events, from home (to extent allowed by local ordinance), and online (with producer delivering). Local ordinances not preempted: Dakota County municipalities may impose additional zoning/licensing requirements. Dakota County requires home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items must meet pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection required at state level. MN Stat. §28A.152 does not preempt local sanitation, public health, or zoning requirements.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Dakota County zoning requires home occupation permit or conditional use permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use; no external signage; typically no on-site employees. Cities within Dakota County (Eagan, Lakeville, Apple Valley, Burnsville) have their own rules. Home sales directly to consumers allowed to extent permitted by local ordinance per state statute. HOAs may impose additional restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	no
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned items (pH 4.6 or lower) may only be sold at community events/farmers markets or within Minnesota via producer delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically none on-site per Dakota County home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152 (state cottage food exemption); Dakota County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions). Local municipal codes vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota cottage food statute confirmed from official [revisor.mn.gov](https://www.revisor.mn.gov) PDF. Dakota County home occupation permit requirement confirmed via CityRuleLookup (Municode source). State does not preempt local zoning/business licensing. Cities within Dakota County (Eagan, Lakeville, Apple Valley, Burnsville) have separate city-specific rules. \$78,000 cap is inflation-adjusted for 2025 per 2025 amendment. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; county zoning details from Municode-sourced summary.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/dakota-county-mn>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2021/cite/28A.152/pdf>

RANK 197 · FIPS 27003 · Anoka

Anoka County

Population 363,985 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-PHF foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual sales (2025 inflation-adjusted cap). Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/yr): free online training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yr): \$50 annual registration fee + approved food safety course every 3 years. State does not preempt local zoning/business licensing. Anoka County municipalities may require home occupation permit.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items (pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less) also permitted.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection required at state level. Local sanitation/health ordinances not preempted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Anoka County municipalities (Blaine, Coon Rapids, Anoka, Fridley, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Home occupation permit or conditional use permit may be required. Home sales from home allowed to extent permitted by local ordinance per state statute. Anoka County follows state baseline; city-specific rules may vary.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned items may only be sold at community events/farmers markets or via producer delivery within Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; local home occupation rules typically restrict to family members.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152 (state cottage food exemption); local Anoka County municipal zoning codes vary.

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota cottage food statute confirmed from state baseline. Anoka County is a northern suburban Twin Cities county. \$78,000 inflation-adjusted cap (2025 amendment). State does not preempt local zoning. Anoka County includes fast-growing communities (Blaine, Coon Rapids). Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; Anoka County local zoning details not specifically researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov>

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

RANK 256 · FIPS 27163 · Stillwater

Washington County

Population 268,651 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Annual sales cap of \$78,000 (2025, CPI-adjusted). Two tiers: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free registration training only; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year) requires \$50 MDA training course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Non-potentially hazardous foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Washington County municipalities (Stillwater, Woodbury, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Washington County itself does not appear to have county-wide zoning over all municipalities. Producers should check with their specific city or township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online (direct delivery only within MN); no interstate sales for home-canned category; Class A CFO model applies for most products
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; local municipal zoning varies

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County MN follows the state baseline (Minn. Stat. §28A.152). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. State MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 and added CPI indexing. Washington County is a suburban Twin Cities county; local municipalities likely have home occupation permit requirements. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Washington County .gov cottage food source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 336 · FIPS 27137 · Duluth

St. Louis County

Population 200,122 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Minnesota cottage food law (§28A.152, most recently amended 2025) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed from July 2025). Two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires only free online training; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000) requires \$50 paid course (renewed every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. Registration with MDA required. No routine kitchen inspection. St. Louis County is Minnesota's largest county by area.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Minnesota cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Minnesota cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Food handler training required (either free online training or paid course). Handwashing and hygiene covered in training.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Home-canned goods with pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less also permitted (under the 'Pickle Bill' category).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection for Minnesota cottage food operations. MDA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — St. Louis County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Cloquet) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Contact St. Louis County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office. Minnesota does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Minnesota cottage food law allows in-state direct sales at events, farmers markets, home, and online. Indirect sales (retail) not permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee cap in Minnesota cottage food statute. Home occupation zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; St. Louis County zoning ordinances (contact for home occupation details)

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota state baseline applies. St. Louis County (county seat: Duluth) is the largest county by area in Minnesota and includes the Duluth-Superior metro area and Iron Range. No county-specific URLs or overrides found. The 2025 Minnesota amendment raised the annual cap to \$78,000 and added a two-tier training structure. Home-canned goods (Pickle Bill category) have additional restrictions including in-state only sales.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 404 · FIPS 27109 · Rochester

Olmsted County

Population 162,307 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course (every 3 years) plus \$30 annual registration fee with MDA. Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, and pH-tested pickles/salsas. No home kitchen inspection required.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Olmsted County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Rochester (county seat) has its own zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Direct sales and limited indirect sales. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Olmsted County Zoning Ordinance; City of Rochester zoning codes

RESEARCH NOTES

Verified-large county. State baseline governs. No Olmsted County-specific cottage food code identified. Minnesota's 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Olmsted County health and planning URLs not provided; county govt URL is verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov>

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

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

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov>

RANK 420 · FIPS 27145 · Saint Cloud

Stearns County

Population 158,622 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course (every 3 years) plus \$30 annual registration fee with MDA. Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, pH-tested pickles/salsas. No home kitchen inspection.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Stearns County and the City of Saint Cloud may require home occupation permits under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Stearns County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Minnesota's 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000. No Stearns County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 441 · FIPS 27139 · Shakopee

Scott County

Population 151,347 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course (every 3 years) plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, pH-tested pickles/salsas. No home kitchen inspection.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement under state cottage food law.

HANDWASHING Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

FOOD STORAGE Non-PHF products only; proper storage required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Scott County and Shakopee may require home occupation permits under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Scott County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152

RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Minnesota's 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000. No Scott County-specific cottage food code identified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 459 · FIPS 27171 · Buffalo

Wright County

Population 142,543 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

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 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

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. MDA or local authority may investigate upon complaint.
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.
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.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

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

RANK 564 · FIPS 27019 · Chaska

Carver County

Population 107,216 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — 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/year, 2025 amendment, CPI-indexed) — requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course (renewable every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, candies, condiments (including pickles, mustards, nut butters, salsas), dry goods, pastries, preserves, snacks, fermented foods, juices. Direct-to-consumer only; no indirect sales outside farmers markets.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification/training required per tier level.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Low-acid canned foods, chocolate-covered fruit, confections with alcohol, meat jerkies, perishable baked goods prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspections required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Carver County municipalities (Chaska, Chanhassen, Waconia, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Carver County is in the Twin Cities metro area with active zoning. No specific Carver County cottage food ordinance identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only. No indirect sales (outside of farmers market context). Home-canned goods category may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Carver County code section identified. State law governs: Minn. Stat. §28A.152.

RESEARCH NOTES

Carver County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Minnesota's 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 and indexed it for inflation. Carver County is in the rapidly growing southwestern Twin Cities suburbs. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 614 · FIPS 27141 · Elk River

Sherburne County

Population 97,820 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Minnesota cottage food law (§28A.152, 2025 amendment): \$78,000 annual sales cap (CPI-indexed, 2025 amendment). Two tiers: Tier 1 (~\$7,665/year, free online registration training only); Tier 2 (up to \$78,000, \$50 training course renewed every 3 years, \$30 annual registration fee). Allowed: non-PHF foods including baked goods, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, preserves, snacks, juices, home-canned goods (pH ≤4.6 or aw ≤0.85). No indirect sales (direct to consumer only). No inspection.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Minnesota cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement; training course covers food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; home-canned goods with specific pH/ water activity requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No inspection authority for MN Cottage Food Producer registrations.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Sherburne County (Elk River) municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Minnesota does not expressly preempt local zoning for cottage food operations. Operators should verify with Sherburne County planning or local township.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; no retail/wholesale. Sales at home, farmers markets, events permitted. Home-canned goods cannot be shipped out of state.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employee limit specified in Minnesota cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Sherburne County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sherburne County-specific cottage food rules found. Sherburne County is a fast-growing exurb of the Twin Cities (Elk River). Minnesota cottage food law was updated in 2025 (c 34 art 5) to raise the cap to \$78,000 and index it for inflation. MDA website returned 404 during research but content confirmed from revisor.mn.gov and Forrager.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 773 · FIPS 27013 · Mankato

Blue Earth County

Population 69,022 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Annual sales cap \$78,000. Food handler certification required. Registration required with Minnesota Department of Agriculture. No kitchen inspection. Indirect sales not allowed. No TCS foods, no perishable baked goods, no chocolate-covered fruit, no confections with alcohol.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Required as part of food handler certification training
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Blue Earth County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Mankato has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota Great-tier state with \$78,000 cap and MDA registration required. Blue Earth County includes Mankato (college city). No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 789 · FIPS 27131 · Faribault

Rice County

Population 67,152 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Annual sales cap \$78,000. Food handler certification required. Registration required with Minnesota Department of Agriculture. No kitchen inspection. Direct sales; indirect sales not allowed. No TCS foods, no perishable baked goods, no chocolate-covered fruit, no confections with alcohol.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Required as part of food handler certification training
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Rice County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Faribault has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota Great-tier state with \$78,000 cap and MDA registration required. Rice County is south of the Twin Cities metro. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 798 · FIPS 27035 · Brainerd

Crow Wing County

Population 66,558 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Annual sales cap \$78,000. Food handler certification required. Registration required with Minnesota Department of Agriculture. No kitchen inspection. Direct sales; indirect sales not allowed. No TCS foods, no perishable baked goods, no chocolate-covered fruit, no confections with alcohol.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law
WATER SUPPLY	Standard residential water supply
HANDWASHING	Required as part of food handler certification training
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county govt URL provided. Crow Wing County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Brainerd has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota Great-tier state with \$78,000 cap. Crow Wing County is a popular lake resort area in central Minnesota with strong farmers market activity. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 818 · FIPS 27027 · Moorhead

Clay County

Population 65,307 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Registration required with MDA. Two tiers: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year, free registration training); Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, \$50 training fee, \$30 annual registration). Food handler certification required for Tier 2. No kitchen inspection.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods and pH-tested acidified foods; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection; MDA may investigate complaints
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Clay County is home to Moorhead (Fargo-Moorhead metro area). No specific Clay County cottage food home occupation permit identified beyond state registration. Contact Clay County Planning & Zoning or City of Moorhead for local zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no wholesale or retail sales. Farmers markets, events, home, and online within Minnesota. Home-canned goods for direct MN sales only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Clay County or Moorhead City for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota §28A.152 (amended 2025) raised annual cap to \$78,000 for Tier 2. Clay County is the Moorhead-Fargo border area. No specific Clay County cottage food overrides found. Registration required at state level; tiered training costs apply. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 867 · FIPS 27111 · Fergus Falls

Otter Tail County

Population 60,072 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Minnesota cottage food registration required (\$30/year for Tier 2, or free Tier 1 training for under ~\$7,665/year). No inspection. Food handler certification required. \$78,000 annual cap (Tier 2, indexed for inflation, updated 2025). No kitchen inspection.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food handler training.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine or complaint-only inspection specified for cottage food in Minn. Stat. §28A.152.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Otter Tail County and local municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should check with Otter Tail County Planning and Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers. Farmers markets, home pickup, events. No wholesale to stores. Home-canned goods may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Otter Tail County zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Otter Tail County. State baseline (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) applies. Minnesota has a two-tier system. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed from July 2025). Broad allowed food list including acidified foods, fermented foods, and juices. Otter Tail County is a large rural lake-area county in west-central MN.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 906 · FIPS 27025 · Center City

Chisago County

Population 56,927 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 (amended 2025, cap raised to \$78,000) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Two tiers: Tier 1 (approx. \$7,665/yr) requires free online training and free registration; Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yr) requires \$50 cottage food producer training (3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee. MDA registration required. Indirect sales (retail) permitted under Tier 2.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MN state or county rule on pets; standard sanitation practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Primary residence kitchen; no specific state requirement beyond general food safety.
HANDWASHING	Covered under food safety training; standard sanitation.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods must not require refrigeration. Proper storage to maintain shelf stability.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections. MDA may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Chisago County may require a home occupation permit or zoning approval for home-based businesses. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Chisago County Planning & Zoning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Tier 1: direct sales only. Tier 2: direct and indirect (retail store) sales allowed. Online sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	MN statute does not specify a cap on household members involved.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; no Chisago County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota's cottage food law was significantly amended in 2025 (2025 c 34 art 5), raising the annual cap to \$78,000 and indexing it for inflation. Chisago County is a suburban/rural county in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area. No county-specific overrides found. MDA registration required through the state. The cap (\$78,000) applies to the current law; indirect sales through retail stores allowed under Tier 2.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 989 · FIPS 27169 · Winona

Winona County

Population 49,792 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed). Tier 1 (~\$7,665/year): free registration training only. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000): \$50 course (renewed every 3 years) and \$30 annual registration fee with MDA. Direct-to-consumer sales only within Minnesota (no wholesale to retail stores).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation required per MDA training. No specific handwashing station requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and not require refrigeration.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine kitchen inspection. MDA may investigate on complaint or suspected foodborne illness.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Winona County has county government (winonacounty.gov listed in input). City of Winona and other municipalities may have home occupation permit requirements. Recommend verifying with Winona County Planning and Zoning and the City of Winona.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales within Minnesota only. No indirect sales or retail. Home-canned goods sold in this category may not be sold outside Minnesota.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Minn. Stat. §28A.152; 2025 amendment (2025 c 34 art 5); Winona County zoning code

RESEARCH NOTES

Minnesota's cottage food law was updated in 2025, raising the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Two-tier training/fee system. Winona County has a county government website. No Winona County-specific cottage food ordinances found. City of Winona is a Mississippi River city with Winona State University.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.winonacounty.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27001 · Aitkin

Aitkin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Aitkin County is a rural lake-country county in north-central Minnesota. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Aitkin County zoning or their local township.

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 Aitkin County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law per Fargo-Moorhead Metro COG review of MN cottage food jurisdictions. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27005 · Detroit Lakes

Becker County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Becker County is a lake region county in northwest Minnesota with county seat Detroit Lakes. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Becker County zoning or their local township.
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 Becker County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27007 · Bemidji

Beltrami County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Beltrami County is a large northern Minnesota county with county seat Bemidji (home of Bemidji State University). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Beltrami County planning or their local township.

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 Beltrami County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27009 · Foley

Benton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Benton County is a central Minnesota county near St. Cloud with county seat Foley. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Benton County planning or their local township.
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 Benton County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27011 · Ortonville

Big Stone County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Big Stone County is a small, rural western Minnesota county on the South Dakota border with county seat Ortonville. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Big Stone County planning or their local township.
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 Big Stone County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Big Stone County is one of the least populated counties in Minnesota. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bigstonecounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27015 · New Ulm

Brown County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Brown County is a south-central Minnesota county with county seat New Ulm (a historic German-heritage city). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Brown County planning or their local township.
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 Brown County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27017 · Carlton

Carlton County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Carlton County is in northeastern Minnesota near Duluth and includes the city of Cloquet. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Carlton County planning or their local township.

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 Carlton County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27021 · Walker

Cass County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Cass County is a large north-central Minnesota lake country county with county seat Walker. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Cass County planning or their local township.
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 Cass County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. Note: this is Cass County, Minnesota (Walker), not Cass County, North Dakota. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27023 · Montevideo

Chippewa County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Chippewa County is a west-central Minnesota agricultural county with county seat Montevideo on the Minnesota River. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Chippewa County planning or their local township.
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 Chippewa County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27029 · Bagley

Clearwater County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Clearwater County is a small, rural northwestern Minnesota county with county seat Bagley. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Clearwater County planning or their local township.
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 Clearwater County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27031 · Grand Marais

Cook County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

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.

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>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27033 · Windom

Cottonwood County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Cottonwood County is a southwestern Minnesota agricultural county with county seat Windom. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Cottonwood County planning or their local township.
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 Cottonwood County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27039 · Mantorville

Dodge County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Dodge County is a small southeastern Minnesota county with historic county seat Mantorville; near Rochester. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Dodge County planning or their local township.
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 Dodge County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27041 · Alexandria

Douglas County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Douglas County is a west-central Minnesota lake country county with county seat Alexandria, a regional tourism and retail hub. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Douglas County planning or their local township.
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 Douglas County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27043 · Blue Earth

Faribault County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Faribault County is a southern Minnesota agricultural county with county seat Blue Earth (known for the Jolly Green Giant statue). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Faribault County planning or their local township.
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 Faribault County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27045 · Preston

Fillmore County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Fillmore County is a southeastern Minnesota bluff country county with county seat Preston, known for scenic Root River valley and Amish communities. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Fillmore County planning or their local township.
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 Fillmore County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27047 · Albert Lea

Freeborn County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Freeborn County is a southern Minnesota county with county seat Albert Lea on I-35 near the Iowa border. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Freeborn County planning or their local township.

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 Freeborn County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27049 · Red Wing

Goodhue County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Goodhue County is a southeastern Minnesota county along the Mississippi River with county seat Red Wing, a pottery and arts community. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Goodhue County planning or their local township.
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 Goodhue County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27051 · Elbow Lake

Grant County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Grant County is a small, rural west-central Minnesota county with county seat Elbow Lake. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Grant County planning or their local township.

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 Grant County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27055 · Caledonia

Houston County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Houston County is the southeastern-most Minnesota county bordering Iowa and Wisconsin, with county seat Caledonia. Located in the scenic Driftless Area. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Houston County planning or their local township.
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 Houston County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27057 · Park Rapids

Hubbard County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Hubbard County is a north-central Minnesota lake country county with county seat Park Rapids, gateway to Itasca State Park. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Hubbard County planning or their local township.
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 Hubbard County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27059 · Cambridge

Isanti County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Isanti County is a east-central Minnesota county north of the Twin Cities metro area with county seat Cambridge. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Isanti County planning or their local township.
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 Isanti County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27061 · Grand Rapids

Itasca County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Itasca County is a large north-central Minnesota county with county seat Grand Rapids, home to the headwaters of the Mississippi River (Itasca State Park is in neighboring Clearwater County). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Itasca County planning or their local township.

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 Itasca County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27063 · Jackson

Jackson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Jackson County is a southwestern Minnesota county near the Iowa border with county seat Jackson. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Jackson County planning or their local township.
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 Jackson County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27065 · Mora

Kanabec County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Kanabec County is a small east-central Minnesota county with county seat Mora, located along the Snake River. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Kanabec County planning or their local township.
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 Kanabec County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27067 · Willmar

Kandiyohi County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Kandiyohi County is a west-central Minnesota county with county seat Willmar, a regional center known for medical and agricultural industries. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Kandiyohi County planning or their local township.
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 Kandiyohi County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27069 · Hallock

Kittson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Kittson County is the northwesternmost Minnesota county on the Canadian border with county seat Hallock. It is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Minnesota. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Kittson County planning or their local township.
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 Kittson County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Kittson County is one of Minnesota's most rural counties. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27071 · International Falls

Koochiching County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Koochiching County is a large, remote northern Minnesota county bordering Canada with county seat International Falls (known as the 'Icebox of the Nation'). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Koochiching County planning or their local township.
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 Koochiching County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27073 · Madison

Lac qui Parle County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Lac qui Parle County is a western Minnesota county on the South Dakota border with county seat Madison, located along Lac qui Parle Lake and the Minnesota River. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Lac qui Parle County planning or their local township.

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 Lac qui Parle County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.lac-qui-parle.mn.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27075 · Two Harbors

Lake County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Lake County is a northeastern Minnesota county along Lake Superior north of Duluth, with county seat Two Harbors. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Lake County planning or their local township.
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 Lake County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27077 · Baudette

Lake of the Woods County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Lake of the Woods County is Minnesota's northernmost county on the Canadian border, accessible partly only through Canada, with county seat Baudette. It is one of the most remote and least populated counties in Minnesota. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Lake of the Woods County planning or their local township.
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 Lake of the Woods County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Lake of the Woods County includes the Northwest Angle, a US exclave only accessible by land through Canada. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.lake-of-the-woods.mn.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27079 · Le Center

Le Sueur County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Le Sueur County is a south-central Minnesota county with county seat Le Center, located near the Minnesota River valley. The city of Le Sueur is also within the county. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Le Sueur County planning or their local township.
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 Le Sueur County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27081 · Ivanhoe

Lincoln County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Lincoln County is a small, rural southwestern Minnesota county on the South Dakota border with county seat Ivanhoe. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Lincoln County planning or their local township.
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 Lincoln County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27083 · Marshall

Lyon County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Lyon County is a southwestern Minnesota county with county seat Marshall (home of Southwest Minnesota State University). Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Lyon County planning or their local township.
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 Lyon County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lyonco.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27085 · Glencoe

McLeod County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. McLeod County is a south-central Minnesota county west of the Twin Cities metro with county seat Glencoe. Includes the city of Hutchinson. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact McLeod County planning or their local township.

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 McLeod County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

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Mahnomen County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Mahnomen County is a small northwestern Minnesota county within the White Earth Nation reservation area with county seat Mahnomen. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Mahnomen County planning or their local township.
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 Mahnomen County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Mahnomen County is largely within the White Earth Nation reservation; tribal jurisdiction may affect some parcels but state cottage food law applies to state-regulated land. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27089 · Warren

Marshall County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Marshall County is a large, flat, agricultural northwestern Minnesota county with county seat Warren. It borders North Dakota and Canada. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Marshall County planning or their local township.
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 Marshall County MN-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27091 · Fairmont

Martin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Martin County is a southern Minnesota county with county seat Fairmont, known for its lakes and proximity to the Iowa border. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Martin County planning or their local township.
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 Martin County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27093 · Litchfield

Meeker County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — Complaint-based investigation only.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Meeker County is a central Minnesota county with county seat Litchfield, located west of the Twin Cities metro. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Meeker County planning or their local township.
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 Meeker County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27095 · Milaca

Mille Lacs County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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 & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — Complaint-based investigation only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Mille Lacs County is a east-central Minnesota county centered on Mille Lacs Lake (a major walleye fishery) with county seat Milaca. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Mille Lacs County planning or their local township.
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 Mille Lacs County-specific cottage food zoning ordinance found. State MDA rules govern; local jurisdictions largely defer to state law. Mille Lacs County includes the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe reservation; tribal jurisdiction may affect some parcels but state cottage food law applies to state-regulated land. Defaulted to MN state baseline plus medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.mille-lacs.mn.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27097 · Little Falls

Morrison County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, and pH-tested home-canned products (pH ≤4.6 or water activity ≤0.85). Local ordinances are not preempted by state law; producers must verify Morrison County and Little Falls city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Morrison County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Morrison County Land Services and Little Falls city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Morrison County Land Use Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6 (local ordinances not preempted)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Morrison County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Morrison County Environmental Health licenses food/beverage establishments under Minn. Stat. 157 but cottage food operations fall under MDA. Local zoning (home occupation) compliance required; producers must check with county land services.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.morrisoncountymn.gov>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

<https://www.morrisoncountymn.gov>

Mower County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, fermented foods, and pH-tested home-canned products. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Mower County and Austin city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Mower County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Mower County and Austin city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Mower County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6 (local ordinances not preempted)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Mower County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning (home occupation) compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27101 · Slayton

Murray County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Murray County zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Murray County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Murray County planning department.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Murray County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Minnesota county (pop. ~8,000). State baseline governs; no Murray County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27103 · Saint Peter

Nicollet County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Nicollet County and Saint Peter city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Nicollet County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Nicollet County and Saint Peter city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Nicollet County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Nicollet County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27105 · Worthington

Nobles County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Nobles County and Worthington city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Nobles County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Nobles County and Worthington city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Nobles County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Nobles County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27107 · Ada

Norman County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Norman County zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Norman County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Norman County planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Norman County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural northwestern Minnesota county (pop. ~6,500). State baseline governs; no Norman County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <https://www.co.norman.mn.us>
- <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>
- <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27113 · Thief River Falls

Pennington County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Pennington County and Thief River Falls city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Pennington County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Pennington County and Thief River Falls city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Pennington County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Pennington County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27115 · Pine City

Pine County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Pine County and Pine City zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Pine County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Pine County and Pine City planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Pine County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural east-central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Pine County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27117 · Pipestone

Pipestone County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Pipestone County and Pipestone city zoning for home occupation rules.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY No specific requirement under state cottage food law.

HANDWASHING Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.

FOOD STORAGE Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Pipestone County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Pipestone County and Pipestone city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Pipestone County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27119 · Crookston

Polk County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Polk County and Crookston city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Polk County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Polk County and Crookston city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Polk County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural northwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Polk County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27121 · Glenwood

Pope County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Pope County zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Pope County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Pope County planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Pope County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural west-central Minnesota county (pop. ~11,000). State baseline governs; no Pope County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27125 · Red Lake Falls

Red Lake County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Red Lake County zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Red Lake County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Red Lake County planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Red Lake County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural northwestern Minnesota county (one of the smallest by population, ~3,900). State baseline governs; no Red Lake County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27127 · Redwood Falls

Redwood County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Redwood County and Redwood Falls city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Redwood County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Redwood County and Redwood Falls city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Redwood County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Redwood County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.redwoodcountymn.gov>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27129 · Olivia

Renville County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Renville County and Olivia city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Renville County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Renville County and Olivia city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Renville County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural south-central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Renville County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.renvillecountymn.com>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27133 · Luverne

Rock County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Rock County and Luverne city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Rock County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Rock County and Luverne city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Rock County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county (southwesternmost county in MN, bordering Iowa and South Dakota). State baseline governs; no Rock County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27135 · Roseau

Roseau County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Roseau County and Roseau city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Roseau County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Roseau County and Roseau city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Roseau County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural northwestern Minnesota county bordering Canada. State baseline governs; no Roseau County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27143 · Gaylord

Sibley County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Sibley County and Gaylord city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Sibley County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Sibley County and Gaylord city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Sibley County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural south-central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Sibley County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27147 · Owatonna

Steele County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Steele County and Owatonna city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Steele County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Steele County and Owatonna city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Steele County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southeastern Minnesota county (Owatonna is the largest city). State baseline governs; no Steele County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27149 · Morris

Stevens County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Stevens County and Morris city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Stevens County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Stevens County and Morris city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Stevens County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural west-central Minnesota county (home of University of Minnesota Morris). State baseline governs; no Stevens County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27151 · Benson

Swift County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Swift County and Benson city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Swift County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Swift County and Benson city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Swift County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural west-central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Swift County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27153 · Long Prairie

Todd County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Todd County and Long Prairie city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Todd County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Todd County and Long Prairie city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Todd County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Todd County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27155 · Wheaton

Traverse County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Traverse County and Wheaton city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Traverse County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Traverse County and Wheaton city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Traverse County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Very rural western Minnesota county bordering North Dakota (one of MN's least populous counties, ~3,000). State baseline governs; no Traverse County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27157 · Wabasha

Wabasha County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Wabasha County and Wabasha city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Wabasha County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Wabasha County and Wabasha city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Wabasha County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southeastern Minnesota county along the Mississippi River. State baseline governs; no Wabasha County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27159 · Wadena

Wadena County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Wadena County and Wadena city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Wadena County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Wadena County and Wadena city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Wadena County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Wadena County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27161 · Waseca

Waseca County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Waseca County and Waseca city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Waseca County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Waseca County and Waseca city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Waseca County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural south-central Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Waseca County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27165 · Saint James

Watonwan County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Watonwan County and Saint James city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Watonwan County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Watonwan County and Saint James city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Watonwan County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Watonwan County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27167 · Breckenridge

Wilkin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Wilkin County and Breckenridge city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Wilkin County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Wilkin County and Breckenridge city planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Wilkin County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural western Minnesota county bordering North Dakota. State baseline governs; no Wilkin County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 27173 · Granite Falls

Yellow Medicine County

Population 0 · State baseline: Minn. Stat. §28A.152 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	conditional — Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/year, CPI-indexed from July 2025) requires \$50 Cottage Food Producer Training Course renewed every 3 years plus \$30 annual registration fee. Allowed foods: non-potentially hazardous items. Local ordinances are not preempted; producers must verify Yellow Medicine County and Granite Falls city zoning for home occupation rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety sanitation practices apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Yellow Medicine County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Producers should verify with Yellow Medicine County and Granite Falls city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate sales for home-canned category. No third-party retail distribution.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Yellow Medicine County Zoning Ordinance; Minn. Stat. §28A.152 Subd. 6

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural southwestern Minnesota county. State baseline governs; no Yellow Medicine County-specific cottage food ordinance found. MDA administers registration. The 2025 amendment raised the cap to \$78,000 (CPI-indexed). Local zoning compliance required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.yellow-medicine.mn.us>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

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

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