

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lapeer County, Michigan?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

MICHIGAN RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Michigan permits PDF](#)

[Michigan cottage food law page](#)

[Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development cottage food program](#)

[Statute: MCL §289.4102](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Lapeer County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lapeer County, Michigan. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Michigan registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

Michigan permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

Statute: [MCL §289.4102](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Lapeer County and its municipalities each govern home occupation permits separately. MDARD explicitly states that cottage food operators must contact their local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations affecting their business. Lapeer City and Lapeer Township may have home occupation ordinances requiring permits if the business generates customer traffic.

Health

Upon-complaint. MDARD may enter and inspect production/storage areas, view records, and take photos if a complaint is filed or a foodborne illness is linked to products. No routine inspections.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales at farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, and from home are permitted. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery platform sales are allowed as long as the cottage food operation provides an opportunity for direct consumer interaction before the sale. All sales must remain within Michigan.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food service. Michigan cottage food is an exemption. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDARD foods](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.lapeercounty.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.lapeercounty.gov>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information>

<https://www.lapeercountymi.gov/departments/health/food.php>

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

Lapeer County and nearby places

Regulation	Lapeer County	Tuscola County	Sanilac County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state-level requirement, but MDARD guidance recommends excluding pets from production areas during food handling. Complaint inv...	No specific MI state or Tuscola County restriction.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, and from home are permitted. Internet/mail order and third-party delivery pl...	Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction (per 2025 amendment). No consign...	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignme...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Production must occur in the kitchen of the producer's primary domestic residence only. Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not qu...	Non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. Direct sales only. Annual cap \$50,000 (as of 2025 amendment effective March 2026; prior ...	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to \$50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardou...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence in a manner that prevents adulteration from insects, chemicals, water damage, and i...	Non-potentially hazardous only. Prohibited: acidified foods, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, candied apples, alcohol con...	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.
POPULATION	88,687	53,218	40,759

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