

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lenawee 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 Lenawee County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lenawee 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

No

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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Michigan permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf>

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Lenawee County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/michigan/lenawee-county>

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. Lenawee County zoning may require a home occupation permit depending on township or municipality. No county-wide cottage-food-specific permit found. Operators in Adrian or other municipalities should check local zoning ordinances.

Health

No. No state inspection authority for cottage food operations under MCL §289.4102.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales allowed from home, at farmers markets, at events; online/mail order and third-party delivery allowed per 2025 HB 4122 (effective March 2026) with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement.

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.lenaweecounty.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.lenaweecounty.gov>

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

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

Lenawee County and nearby places

Regulation	Lenawee County	Hillsdale County	Monroe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food production areas.	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales allowed from home, at farmers markets, at events; online/mail order and third-party delivery allowed per 2025 HB 4122 (effecti...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction req...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with no registration, no inspection, and no per...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...	Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 am...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored to prevent contamination.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.
POPULATION	99,263	45,829	154,823

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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