

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	\$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 Livingston County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Livingston 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

Conditional

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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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

Conditional. Livingston County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Howell City, Brighton, Hartland) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Contact Livingston County Planning/Zoning or relevant municipal planning office. Michigan does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning for cottage food.

Health

No. No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law. MDARD may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Michigan cottage food: direct sales from home, at events/markets, and online (2025 amendment added online/mail-order/third-party delivery platforms with virtual interaction requirement). \$50,000 annual cap (effective March 2026; \$25,000 cap applies until then).

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.livingstoncounty.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.livingstoncounty.gov>

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

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

Livingston County and nearby places

Regulation	Livingston County	Jackson County	Ingham County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Michigan cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Michigan cottage food: direct sales from home, at events/ markets, and online (2025 amendment added online/mail-order/third-party delivery p...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction req...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 HB 4122) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (double...	Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 am...	Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; \$50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Standard GMP storage.	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	194,302	160,637	282,540

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