

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Montcalm 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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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. No county govt URL provided. Montcalm County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Stanton has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale

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.montcalmcounty.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.montcalmcounty.gov>

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

Montcalm County and nearby places

Regulation	Montcalm County	Ionia County	Isabella County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not specified in state law	No state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies — pets should be excluded during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale	Direct-to-consumer only; no consignment or wholesale	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 amendment (effective March 2026). No wholesale or consignment.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual sales cap \$50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; n...	Annual sales cap \$50,000. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; n...	Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. \$50,000 annual sales cap (raised 2025, effective March 2026). No...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products	Appropriate storage for non-PHF products	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; properly labeled and stored
POPULATION	66,901	66,663	64,938

More pages for this place

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

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