

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

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 Sanilac County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Sanilac 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

Conditional

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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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 state-level permit required. Sanilac County is a largely rural Michigan Thumb county; home occupation zoning rules are set at the township level. Sanilac Township's zoning ordinance defines home occupations as clearly incidental and secondary use within dwelling only, no external evidence, max 25% floor area. Operators should contact their specific township zoning administrator.

Health

No. Complaint-based only; MDARD may inspect if foodborne illness or complaint is received.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignment.

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.sanilacounty.net>

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.sanilacounty.net>

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

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

Sanilac County and nearby places

Regulation	Sanilac County	Huron County	Tuscola County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...	No specific MI state or Tuscola County restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales, online, mail order, farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands permitted within Michigan. No wholesale or retail consignme...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...	Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction (per 2025 amendment). No consign...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 eff. March 2026) allows up to \$50,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardou...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...	Non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. Direct sales only. Annual cap \$50,000 (as of 2025 amendment effective March 2026; prior ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; stored in primary residence.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.	Non-potentially hazardous only. Prohibited: acidified foods, pickles, fermented foods, salsas, sauces, ketchup, candied apples, alcohol con...
POPULATION	40,759	30,981	53,218

More pages for this place

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

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