

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Tuscola 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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[Tuscola County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/michigan/tuscola-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. No state registration required for cottage food operations. Tuscola County is a rural agricultural county (Thumb region). No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Tuscola County government in Caro for home occupation requirements.

Health

No. No routine inspections; MDARD may investigate on complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. Online/mail order/third-party delivery allowed with face-to-face or virtual interaction (per 2025 amendment). 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.tuscolacounty.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.tuscolacounty.gov>

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

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

Tuscola County and nearby places

Regulation	Tuscola County	Sanilac County	Huron County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific MI state or Tuscola County restriction.	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...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...
FOOD STORAGE	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.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.
POPULATION	53,218	40,759	30,981

More pages for this place

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

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

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