

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Blue Earth County, Minnesota?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**\$78,000 / year**

MINNESOTA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Minnesota permits PDF](#)[Minnesota cottage food law page](#)[Minnesota Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: Minn. Stat. §28A.152](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Blue Earth County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

Blue Earth County, Minnesota. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**\$78,000 / 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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Minnesota permits PDF →**

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

**Minnesota cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/minnesota/blue-earth-county>

**Blue Earth County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/blue-earth-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

## Where to file

### State

Minnesota registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales are limited to direct-to-consumer channels: community events, farmers markets, from the producer's home, online (in-state delivery by the producer personally or by mail/commercial delivery), and fundraising donations. Restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands, mail order wholesale, and catering are prohibited. All deliveries must be made by the producer personally unless shipped by mail or commercial delivery upon a prior online sale. Home-canned products in the pH/water-activity exemption category (Subd. 1(a)(2)) may not be sold outside of Minnesota.

Minnesota permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/minnesota](https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota)

Minnesota Department of Agriculture: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

Statute: [Minn. Stat. §28A.152](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No county govt URL provided. Blue Earth County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Mankato has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

### Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**MDA licenses food; local health may license food service.** Minnesota cottage foods is an exemption. A commissary typically needs an MDA food handler license and/or a local food-service license, depending on the kitchen.

Official source: [MDA food licensing](#)

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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

## Blue Earth County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Blue Earth County                                                                                                                               | Nicollet County                                                                                                                                  | Le Sueur County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                      | No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.                                                                             | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.                                                             |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer delivery permitted in-state; no wholesale                                                                                    | Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate...   | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.       |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                           | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                           | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual sales cap \$78,000. Food handler certification required. Registration required with Minnesota Department of Agriculture. No kitchen i... | Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000... | Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage for non-PHF products                                                                                                        | Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.                                                                         | Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.                                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 69,022                                                                                                                                          | 34,380                                                                                                                                           | 28,795                                                                                                                                          |

## More pages for this place

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

Minnesota permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf)

Minnesota cottage food law: [crosodo.com/states/minnesota](https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota)

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