

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Dakota County, Minnesota?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Yes	Varies	\$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 Dakota County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Dakota 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

Yes

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

Permit page for this place →

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Dakota County cottage food law page →

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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

State law page: 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

Yes. Dakota County zoning requires home occupation permit or conditional use permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use; no external signage; typically no on-site employees. Cities within Dakota County (Eagan, Lakeville, Apple Valley, Burnsville) have their own rules. Home sales directly to consumers allowed to extent permitted by local ordinance per state statute. HOAs may impose additional restrictions.

Health

No. No inspection required at state level. MN Stat. §28A.152 does not preempt local sanitation, public health, or zoning requirements.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned items (pH 4.6 or lower) may only be sold at community events/farmers markets or within Minnesota via producer delivery.

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](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.dakotacounty.us>

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.dakotacounty.us>

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/dakota-county-mn>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2021/cite/28A.152/pdf>

Dakota County and nearby places

Regulation	Dakota County	Ramsey County	Washington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned i...	Direct sales within Minnesota: farmers markets, community events, home sales (if local zoning allows), online within Minnesota. \$78,000 ann...	Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online (direct delivery only within MN); no interstate sales for home-canned category; Class A CFO ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-potentially-hazardous foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual...	State registration required (\$50 if sales exceed \$7,665; free otherwise). Accredited food safety training required. \$78,000 annual sales ca...	Annual sales cap of \$78,000 (2025, CPI-adjusted). Two tiers: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free registration training only; Tier 2 (...)
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items must meet pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less.	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products
POPULATION	439,179	547,202	268,651

More pages for this place

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

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