

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

What you need

Freeborn 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

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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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 →

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Freeborn County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/freeborn-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

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

Varies. No county-specific cottage food permit identified. Freeborn County is a southern Minnesota county with county seat Albert Lea on I-35 near the Iowa border. Local townships may have home occupation zoning standards. Operators should contact Freeborn County planning or their local township.

Health

No. Complaint-based investigation only.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.

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.co.freeborn.mn.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.co.freeborn.mn.us>

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

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

Freeborn County and nearby places

Regulation	Freeborn County	Steele County	Mower County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate...	Direct sales to consumers in person, at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, community events, online (within MN only). No interstate...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ...	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 two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free MDA Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.
POPULATION	30,857	37,396	40,082

More pages for this place

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

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