

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Louis 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               | Conditional     | 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 St. Louis County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

St. Louis 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

**Conditional**

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 →**

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**St. Louis County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/st-louis-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

Conditional. St. Louis County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Cloquet) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Contact St. Louis County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office. Minnesota does not have a statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning requirements.

### Health

No. No routine inspection for Minnesota cottage food operations. MDA may investigate upon complaint.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Minnesota cottage food law allows in-state direct sales at events, farmers markets, home, and online. Indirect sales (retail) not permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.

### 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>

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

## St. Louis County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | St. Louis County                                                                                                                                | Itasca County                                                                                                                                   | Carlton County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Minnesota cottage food operations.                                                       | No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.                                                             | 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          | Minnesota cottage food law allows in-state direct sales at events, farmers markets, home, and online. Indirect sales (retail) not permitted...  | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.       | Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.       |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Minnesota cottage food law (§28A.152, most recently amended 2025) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: \$78,000 (2025... | Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ... | 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               | Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Home-canned goods with pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less...  | Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.                                                                                | Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.                                                                                |
| POPULATION                 | 200,122                                                                                                                                         | 45,054                                                                                                                                          | 36,362                                                                                                                                          |

## More pages for this place

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

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