

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Stearns 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>

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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

Varies. Stearns County and the City of Saint Cloud may require home occupation permits under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. 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](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.stearnscounty.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.stearnscounty.gov>

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

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

Stearns County and nearby places

Regulation	Stearns County	Wright County	Sherburne County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific restriction under Minnesota cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Home-canned products may n...	Direct sales permitted. Home-canned products may not be sold outside of Minnesota. Other cottage food products can be sold at any venue inc...	Direct to consumer only; no retail/wholesale. Sales at home, farmers markets, events permitted. Home-canned goods cannot be shipped out of ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...	Annual sales capped at \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed with July 2025 base). Two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires fre...	Minnesota cottage food law (\$28A.152, 2025 amendment): \$78,000 annual sales cap (CPI-indexed, 2025 amendment). Two tiers: Tier 1 (~\$7,665/y...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.	Non-TCS (non-refrigerated) finished products required. Home-canned products must have pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less. Store...	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; home-canned goods with specific pH/water activity requirements.
POPULATION	158,622	142,543	97,820

More pages for this place

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

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