

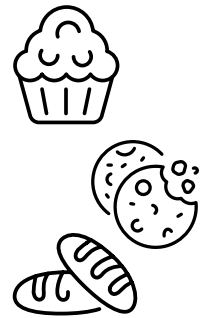
Michigan's Cottage Foods

A Guide for Cottage Food Businesses



What's Allowed: Up to \$25,000 yearly in gross sales of certain foods with no license, registration, or inspection. Cottage foods businesses may advertise online, and collect payments in-person, online, or through a pay app.

What's Required: Cottage foods must be made, packaged, and labeled in your primary residence (home). The label is required to include the statement, "Made in a home kitchen not inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development." Cottage foods must be delivered from you to your customer in-person; mail-orders, shipping, selling to businesses, or having a business sell products for you is not allowed. Only low-risk foods that do not require refrigeration after preparation may be considered for cottage food businesses.



| X Cannot Be Cottage Foods | ✓ May Be Considered for Cottage Foods |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Bread with fresh vegetables or chunks of cheese X Custard or cream-based pies X Cakes requiring refrigeration (e.g., cheesecake) X Frosting or glaze made from ingredients requiring refrigeration (e.g., cream cheese frosting) X Freeze-dried products made from temperature-controlled foods (e.g., ice cream, cheesecake) X Tinctures X Other jams/jellies (e.g., vegetable, hot pepper, low/no-sugar) or fruit/vegetable butters X Garlic in oil mixtures X Salad dressings, sauces, or condiments X Cut melon, tomato, or leafy greens products X Fresh pasta X Caramel apples | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breads, quick breads, muffins, cookies ✓ Pies – shelf-stable ✓ Cakes – cupcakes, birthday, wedding, etc. ✓ Frosting or glaze made with shelf-stable ingredients or from tested recipes ✓ Freeze-dried products from shelf-stable foods (e.g., candy, herbs, some fruits, raw vegetables) ✓ Extracts (e.g., vanilla extract) ✓ Fruit jams or jellies (as defined in 21 CFR part 150) in glass jars ✓ Vinegar and flavored vinegar ✓ Mixes - dry baking, dips, soup, dry herbs, or herbs ✓ Dried pasta with or without egg ✓ Snacks - popcorn, granola, nuts, or chocolate covered pretzels, bananas, strawberries, apple slices, etc. ✓ Roasted coffee beans ✓ Whole and sliced dehydrated fruits or vegetables |
| <p>See our website for more examples: www.michigan.gov/cottagefood</p> | |

| These Categories Are NOT Allowed: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Beverages X CBD, cannabis, or foods containing these products X Dairy or dairy products X Dietary supplements X Fish or fish products X Canned fruit or vegetables X Ice or ice products X Meat or meat products X Pet food or treats X Pickled products |

Questions?

Visit MDARD's website: [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



Call **800-292-3939** or email MDARD-CottageFood@michigan.gov to connect with a food inspector in your area.