



# 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.

<b>May Be Considered for Cottage Foods</b> Some examples below; see our website for more:	<b>Cannot Be Cottage Foods</b> Some examples below; see our website for more:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Breads, quick breads, muffins, cookies</li> <li>✓ Pies – shelf stable</li> <li>✓ Cakes – cupcakes, birthday, wedding, etc.</li> <li>✓ Frosting or glaze made with shelf-stable ingredients or from tested recipes</li> <li>✓ Freeze dried products from shelf-stable foods (e.g., candy, herbs, some fruits, raw vegetables)</li> <li>✓ Extracts (e.g., vanilla extract)</li> <li>✓ Fruit jams and jellies (as defined in 21 CFR part 150) in glass jars</li> <li>✓ Vinegar and flavored vinegar</li> <li>✓ Mixes - dry baking, dips, soup, dry herbs, or herbs</li> <li>✓ Dried pasta with or without egg</li> <li>✓ Snacks - popcorn, granola, nuts, or chocolate covered pretzels, bananas, strawberries, apple slices, etc.</li> <li>✓ Roasted coffee beans</li> <li>✓ Whole and sliced dehydrated fruits or vegetables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Bread with fresh vegetables or chunks of cheese</li> <li>✗ Custard or cream-based pies</li> <li>✗ Cakes requiring refrigeration (e.g., cheesecake)</li> <li>✗ Frosting or glaze made from ingredients requiring refrigeration (e.g., cream cheese frosting)</li> <li>✗ Freeze-dried products made from temperature-controlled foods (e.g., ice cream, cheesecake)</li> <li>✗ Tinctures</li> <li>✗ Other jams/jellies (e.g., vegetable, hot pepper, low/no-sugar) or fruit/vegetable butters</li> <li>✗ Garlic in oil mixtures</li> <li>✗ Salad dressings, sauces, and condiments</li> <li>✗ Fresh pasta</li> <li>✗ Caramel apples</li> </ul>
<div data-bbox="332 1619 522 1661" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Questions?</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="94 1667 293 1866" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="303 1667 781 1749" data-label="Text"> <p>Visit MDARD’s website: click <a href="#">here</a> or scan the QR code.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="303 1757 781 1841" data-label="Text"> <p>Call <b>800-292-3939</b> to connect with a food inspector in your area.</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="863 1438 1472 1480" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>These Categories Are NOT Allowed:</h3> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Beverages</li> <li>✗ CBD, cannabis, or foods containing these products</li> <li>✗ Cut melon, tomato, or leafy greens products</li> <li>✗ Dietary supplements</li> <li>✗ Fish and fish products</li> <li>✗ Canned fruit or vegetables</li> <li>✗ Ice and ice products</li> <li>✗ Meat and meat products</li> <li>✗ Pet food and treats</li> <li>✗ Pickled products</li> </ul>