



Minnesota Cottage Food Producer Law

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Minnesota Cottage Food Law Overview



28A.152 Cottage Food Law

- Effective July 1, 2015
- Revokes previous cottage food and pickle bill language
- Food licensing exemption
- Governed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture



Who is a Cottage Food Producer?



An individual who:

- Manufactures food that does not require time or temperature controls for safety in his or her private home, a non-food establishment setting;
- Sells directly to the end consumer without inspection or a license; and
- Registers with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for sales up to \$18,000/year/individual.

Examples of Non-potentially Hazardous Food

- Acid or acidified home-canned and home-processed:
 - Fruits
 - Pickles
 - Vegetables
 - Fermented Foods
 - Vinegar
- Baked goods
- Candy and Confections
- Dried, Dehydrated and Roasted Items (beans, herbs, seeds)
- Icings, Frostings, Sugar Art
- Jams, Jellies
- Preserves, Fruit Butters



Non Potentially Hazardous Foods List

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Minnesota Farmers' Market Association

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It's the law! As of July 1, 2015, you can make cottage foods in your home kitchen (baked foods, pickled, canned, jams, jellies, etc.) *without* a license BUT you must first take a MDA-approved food safety training and register with the MDA.



HELPFUL COTTAGE FOOD RESOURCES

MFMA Fact Sheet: 2015 MN Cottage Foods Law An explanation of the new law.

MN Revenue Fact Sheet 148: Tax Information on Cottage Foods
A list of the cottage foods that are taxable in Minnesota.

The Non-Potentially Hazardous Foods List
A list of the foods allowed and not allowed under the Cottage Foods Exemption. MFMA updates this list as needed. The last revision: March 15, 2016.

Cottage Foods Producer Registration Form

This form can be filled online or mailed in.

Official YouTube Cottage Foods Training

Click here for further MDA information



Where Can Cottage Foods be Sold?

- Direct sales to consumer



No Sales to...



Local Jurisdiction Impact

- Onsite inspection upon request by CFP
- Can pass zoning restrictions
- Can enforce a local definition for community event



Training & Registration Requirements



Training Requirements



Before registering:

- Tier I: sales < \$5,000/calendar year/individual
 - Complete a registration training course and exam
- Tier II: sales over \$5,000-\$18,000/calendar year/individual
 - Complete a safe food handling course not to exceed eight hours
 - Required every three years

Registration Requirements



- Before selling foods, annually thereafter
- Register with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- www.mda.state.mn.us/cottagefood
- Fee \$50; waived \leq \$5,000/year

Cottage Food Producer Registrations

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCER REGISTRATION ZEMAN KATHY 9800 155TH ST E NERSTRAND MN 55053		MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 625 ROBERT STREET NORTH, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155-2538 COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCER REGISTRATION ZEMAN KATHY 9800 155TH ST E NERSTRAND MN 55053	
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- 2015: 464
- 2016:
 - Tier 1 = 1,862
 - Tier 2 = 68

