

The information below (and more about Michigan Cottage Foods) can be found at this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-50772_45851-240577--,00.html#ProductList

Section 6:

C. Cottage Foods Product List: What Qualifies and What Doesn't

The rules under Michigan's Food Law were developed to protect the health and safety of Michigan citizens and to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Foods allowed for sale under the Cottage Food Law are allowed based on their relatively low risk for foodborne illness. Cottage food producers can help reduce the risk of foodborne illness even further by following safe food handling and storage practices and maintaining good hygiene in their home kitchens. Proper labeling is also important, especially for people who may be allergic to certain ingredients.

The following lists show examples of foods that meet the requirements for Cottage Foods and those that do not.

What Food Products Meet The Requirements For Cottage Foods?

Non-potentially hazardous foods (time and/or temperature controls not required to assure food safety - meaning foods can safely be kept at room temperature and do not require refrigeration) meet the requirements for cottage foods and can be prepared in a home kitchen and sold directly to consumers without a license. Examples include:

- Breads
- Similar baked goods
- Vinegar and flavored vinegars
- Cakes, including celebration cakes (birthday, anniversary, wedding)
- Sweet breads and muffins that contain fruits or vegetables (e.g., pumpkin or zucchini bread)
- Cooked fruit pies, including pie crusts made with butter, lard or shortening
- Jams and jellies in glass jars that can be stored at room temperature (except vegetable jams/jellies)
- Cookies
- Dry herbs and dry herb mixtures
- Dry baking mixes
- Dry dip mixes
- Dry soup mixes
- Dehydrated vegetables or fruits
- Popcorn
- Cotton Candy
- Non-potentially hazardous dry bulk mixes sold wholesale can be repackaged into a Cottage Food product. Similar items already packaged and labeled for retail sale can not be repackaged and/or relabeled

- Chocolate covered pretzels, marshmallows, graham crackers, Rice Krispies treats, strawberries, pineapple or bananas
- Coated or uncoated nuts
- Dried pasta made with eggs
- Roasted coffee beans or ground roasted coffee
- Vanilla extract (Note: these products require licensing by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission)
- Baked goods that contain alcohol, like rum cake or bourbon balls (Note: these products require licensing by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission)

What Food Products Are NOT ALLOWED To Be Produced In My Home?

Potentially hazardous foods that require time and/or temperature control for safety are NOT ALLOWED to be produced in a home kitchen and must be produced in a licensed kitchen. Examples include:

- Meat and meat products like fresh and dried meats (jerky)
- Fish and fish products like smoked fish
- Raw seed sprouts
- Vegetable jams/jellies (e.g., hot pepper jelly)
- Canned fruits or vegetables like salsa or canned peaches
- Canned fruit or vegetable butters like pumpkin or apple butter
- Canned pickled products like corn relish, pickles or sauerkraut
- Pies or cakes that require refrigeration to assure safety like banana cream, pumpkin, lemon meringue or custard pies; cheesecake; and cakes with glaze or frosting that requires refrigeration (e.g., cream cheese frosting)
- Milk and dairy products like cheese or yogurt
- Cut melons
- Hummus
- Garlic in oil mixtures
- All beverages, including fruit/vegetable juices, and apple cider
- Ice and ice products
- Cut tomatoes or chopped/shredded leafy greens
- Confections that contain alcohol, like truffles or liqueur-filled chocolates
- Focaccia style breads with fresh vegetables and/or cheeses
- Food products made from fresh cut tomatoes, cut melons or cut leafy greens
- Food products made with cooked vegetable products that are not canned
- Sauces and condiments, including barbeque sauce, hot sauce, ketchup, or mustard
- Salad dressings
- Pet food or treats

If you have questions about a specific product not listed here or in the "*Cottage Foods: Frequently Asked Questions, Section 2 - Product/Production Related Questions*", please contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development at 800-292-3939 or MDA-Info@michigan.gov. Please include your zip code and a telephone number with your request for information.