

MT Cottage Food and Farmers' Markets Regulations

This table is designed to help cottage food operators understand how regulations at farmers' markets may differ from other points of sale. Cottage foods must be sold face-to-face directly to consumers, including at Farmers' Markets.

	Farmers' Market	Cottage Food
Types of sales	In-person direct to consumer sales	In-person direct to consumer sales
Location	Farmers' Market	Home, Farmers' market, fair or festival, food stand, in-person delivery to consumer
Registration	With Market manager*	With county sanitarian on state form Cost: \$40 (must re-register if change in address, add products)
Labeling	Required if packaged or in container	Must be packaged and labelled
Allowed Products	Hot tea or coffee (no cream) Whole shell eggs (< 45 degrees F) Raw agricultural commodities Home prepared foods not potentially hazardous (see list below) **	Home prepared foods that are not potentially hazardous (do not require refrigeration for safety) such as jams, jellies, dried fruit, dry mixes, and baked goods See list below

*Some Farmers' markets have additional requirements including registration with the local health department.

**Foods not on this list may require a temporary permit issued by the local health department or other licensing.

Allowed Non-potentially Hazardous Cottage Foods: (from ARM 37.110.503)

loaf breads, rolls, biscuits, quick breads, and muffins; cakes; pastries and scones; cookies and bars; crackers; cereals, trail mixes, and granola; pies, except that require refrigeration after baking are not approved; nuts and nut mixes; snack mixes; standardized jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butters***; repackaged, commercially dried fruit or vegetables; certain home dried fruits; dry herb combining and packaging, and seasoning and mixture combining; examples of which are dry soup mixes, dry teas and coffees, and spice seasonings; popcorn, popcorn balls, cotton candy; fudge, candies, and confections that require a cook step; honey. Other items considered on a case-by-case basis.

***Not allowed: artificially sweetened jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter