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Michigan's Cottage Food Law Food Safety Training Now On-Line Food Preservation videos On-Line

A new **Michigan Cottage Food Law: Food Safety Training** is now available on-line at <http://vimeo.com/24282676>. This on-line training, or Webinar, was developed by **MSU Extension's Health and Nutrition Food Safety team**. The interactive Webinar provides food safety training to Michigan residents who want to open their own cottage food business. It was designed to educate Michigan residents about the Cottage Food Law and also provide food safety training so that safe food products are being sold to customers. Cottage foods are specific types of foods that are made in home kitchens. Not all foods can be made at home and sold to the public. The law is quite specific as to the kinds of foods that can be sold under the Cottage Food Law. Homemade foods made and sold under the cottage food law are low risk for causing food-borne illness. You can learn all about this at <http://vimeo.com/24282676>. (Video# 59)



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According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) this new law is a great opportunity for many who have been thinking about starting a food business, but have been hesitant to spend the money needed to establish, or rent, a commercial kitchen. However, even without the state licensing and inspection requirements those preparing cottage foods are still responsible for providing safe products.

If you are one of those individuals with an entrepreneurial spirit and are considering selling some cottage foods this Webinar is for you. After viewing the Webinar you can take a quiz to measure what you have learned and then receive a certificate that you can display when selling your cottage foods at farmers markets, festivals, and other sales locations. The certificate is not required to sell cottage foods but it is evidence that you have participated in food safety training related to cottage foods.

This link also provides **Food Preservation videos** <http://vimeo.com/24282676> (videos #60-64) to assist all interested in Home Food Preservation. For those interested in learning more about food preservation, Macomb County MSU Extension currently has food preservation classes scheduled and Oakland County MSU Extension offers a food preservation correspondence course.