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Food Safety and Defense Task Force
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Data Privacy Warning:

The Food Innovation Team (FIT) regularly requests data from food business owners (FBOs) interested in participating or gaining food business licensing guidance from FIT through the Pre-Screening Intake Form (PSIF), during FIT meeting proceedings, and as part of the regular processes of FIT. The information provided for these FIT activities will be used before, during, and after FIT meetings to answer licensing questions from FBOs. Information provided is public information and will be discussed at a meeting that is open to the public. If you have information that you want protected, please contact the Food and Feed Safety Interim Division Director, Katherine Simon (Katherine.simon@state.mn.us or (651) 201-6596) before filling out this form and submitting it to FIT.

FIT Website Notification:

Please note that all information contained in this form is subject to public information requests. The information contained in this form will be included on the FIT website with the exception of items under the “General Business Information” category.

Date of FIT Meeting: 9/16/19

Meeting Participants:

- FIT Members:
 - Jane Jewett
 - James Backstrom via WebEx
 - Julia Selleys via WebEx
 - James Roettger
 - Lolly Occhino
- Other:
 - Dan Opsahl, MDA
 - Collin Kappenman, MDA
 - Alida Sorenson, MDA
 - Natasha Hedin, MDA

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General Business Information (Do not include this section in public-facing online database)	
Name of business:	Country Bumpkin Crafts
Location of business:	Hill City, MN
Referred by:	<input type="checkbox"/> MDA <input type="checkbox"/> MDH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIT member <input type="checkbox"/> MDA Delegated Agency <input type="checkbox"/> MDH Delegated Agency
Current license(s), registration(s), and/or exemption(s): (Please include date of issuance.)	The current license (Retail Food Handlers and Retail Mobile) is held by her mother, who is deceased. Intends to register as a Cottage Food Producer.
Why was this business referred to FIT?	
Current business model:	Sole proprietor – continue sales over Etsy, sell wholesale to pop-up boutiques, and sell under a Cottage Food Registration at farmers’ markets/community events (indoor market –seasonal).
Key issues examined by FIT:	Unsure of food types and locations and what license they fall under.
Other issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clarification on types of products and where she plans to sell. • Where she plans to manufacture • Where she plans to store product
How was the issue resolved?	
Description of resolution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholesale Manufactures License – to cover sale at Etsy and seasonal pop-up boutiques • Cottage Food Registration – if she wants to sell pickled vegetables and salsa at farmers’ markets and community events. • Emphasis importance of keeping cottage food production and sale separate from manufactured product.
Other notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If she chooses to store product at a separate location from the commercial kitchen where it’s manufactured she would need a Wholesale Food License. Would recommend storing product at the community center. She may be able to get licensed to store at her home in an outbuilding (if it meets requirements). • Need to determine if the fruit syrup meets requirement for licensed production as a non-acidified food product. Alternatively determine if fruit syrup meets non-potentially hazardous food standard to be allowed as a cottage food. Recommend testing product for pH and water activity.
Who resolved the issue (name(s) and organization(s)):	FIT Members

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Date of resolution:	9/16/2019
Licensing authority representative (name and organization):	James R. – MDA Food and Feed Safety Division Collin Kappenman – MDA Food and Feed Safety Division
Recommendations / Lessons Learned	
Internal (FIT):	
Licensing agency:	MDA – Food and Feed Safety Division
Rules / Statutes:	28A.05 – Classification