

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Calaveras County

California · San Andreas · FIPS 06009 · Population 46,505 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; CA tier: Good; CDPH cottage food operations program

| STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Good       | Tiered (see notes)       | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-06    |

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

True

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

False

## PETS ALLOWED?

No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

True (California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Calaveras County Environmental Health processes CFO registrations (Class A) and permits (Class B). Home occupation clearance from Calaveras County Planning Department may be required for general home business zoning compliance in unincorporated areas.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

True

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health (Class A - complaint only; Class B - routine annual inspection)

**Home kitchen rules**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED True

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN False

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required; private well users must have water tested regularly by state-certified lab

HANDWASHING Required per Cal. Health &amp; Safety Code §113758 and CDPH cottage food guidance

FOOD STORAGE Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous

**Inspection & permitting**

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Calaveras County

### Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | True                                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law                               |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | One non-family employee maximum per Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758                                             |

### Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758 (state CFO law); GOV §51035 (zoning preemption); Calaveras County Code Chapter 17 (Zoning)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No Calaveras County-specific cottage food restrictions found beyond state baseline. CFO registration/permit obtained through Calaveras County Environmental Health. State law preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs. Class A annual gross sales cap ~\$86,206 (2025, CPI-adjusted); Class B ~\$172,411. Food safety training required (ANSI-accredited, valid 3 years). County is known for Calaveras Big Trees and frog jumping contest; rural Sierra Nevada foothills county.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.calaverasgov.us/Departments/Environmental-Health>

<https://www.calaverasgov.us/Departments/Planning>

<https://www.calaverasgov.us>

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758)

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO\\_Faq.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf)

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## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Calaveras County                                                                                                  | Alpine County                                                                                                         | Amador County                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | True                                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                  | True                                                                                                                                           |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | False                                                                                                             | False                                                                                                                 | False                                                                                                                                          |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production             | No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production                 | No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production                                          |
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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | True                                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                  | True                                                                                                                                           |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales | No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales     | No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales                              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law                               | Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law                                   | Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law                                                            |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | True                                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                  | True                                                                                                                                           |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Calaveras County     | Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county | County unincorporated areas do not require a county business license; incorporated cities (Jackson, Sutter Creek, etc.) may require city bu... |
| RESTRICTIONS               | —                                                                                                                 | —                                                                                                                     | —                                                                                                                                              |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous         | Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous             | Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous                                      |
| POPULATION                 | 45,674                                                                                                            | 1,515                                                                                                                 | 40,577                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — California cottage food law

Calaveras County's rules sit on top of California's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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### STATUTE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

### INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Class B permit holders may sell indirectly through retail stores and restaurants statewide; Class A registrants are limited to direct sales only and may not sell through any retail or wholesale venue.

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [California cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758)

State dept cottage food page: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO\\_Faq.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf)

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/california/>

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