

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Humboldt County

California · Eureka · FIPS 06023 · Population 136,132 ·
Crosodo Index #1697*

STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Humboldt County, California — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local environmental health department may require exclusion of pets from production area during Class B inspection.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under California cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ California home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[California label one-pager →](#)

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Class A (direct sales only, cap ~\$86,206): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, cap ~\$172,411): home kitchen inspection required, administered by Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division. Food safety training required every 3 years.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local environmental health department may require exclusion of pets from production area during Class B inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Humboldt County may require local zoning clearance or home occupation permit. State law preempts local zoning for CFOs (Cal. Gov. Code §51035), but local Environmental Health permit is required for Class B. County planning department in Eureka handles land use questions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issued, administered by Humboldt County Environmental Health. Class A: no inspection required.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Class A (direct sales only, cap ~\$86,206): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, cap ~\$172,411): home kitchen inspection required, administered by Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division. Food safety training required every 3 years.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local environmental health department may require exclusion of pets from production area during Class B inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; environmental health reviews during Class B inspection.
HANDWASHING	Required; inspected during Class B kitchen review.
FOOD STORAGE	Only state-approved CFO food list items. Non-potentially hazardous only; no refrigeration required for finished products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issued, administered by Humboldt County Environmental Health. Class A: no inspection required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Humboldt County may require local zoning clearance or home occupation permit. State law preempts local zoning for CFOs (Cal. Gov. Code §51035), but local Environmental Health permit is required for Class B. County planning department in Eureka handles land use questions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Class A: direct sales (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also retail stores and restaurants within California. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	One non-family employee maximum per California CFO rules.

Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; Humboldt County Environmental Health Division (CFO permits).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (CA) confirmed. Humboldt County is a rural Northern California county. No county-specific health or planning URLs provided in input. County environmental health administers Class B CFO permits. State law (Cal. Gov. Code §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs. Confidence medium — county-specific enforcement details not independently verified from a Humboldt County .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.humboldtcounty.gov>

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/california/humboldt-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Humboldt County	Mendocino County	Del Norte County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local environmental health department may require exclusion of pets from production area during...	No specific state prohibition for cottage food; good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also retail stores and restaurants within California. Int...	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. N...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	No	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Crescent City may require city business license
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only, cap ~\$86,206): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, cap ~\$172,411): home ki...	California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, ~\$86,206/year cap as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales, ...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Only state-approved CFO food list items. Non-potentially hazardous only; no refrigeration required for finished products.	Only CDPH-approved non-PHF shelf-stable foods; must prevent contamination.	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	136,132	91,145	27,462

State context — California cottage food law

Humboldt 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.

STATUTE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

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.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **California cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/california.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=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

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

Questions about Humboldt County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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INSURANCE

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LOCAL

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