

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Napa County

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STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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?

Yes (Class A (direct sales only, annual cap ~\$86,206 CPI-adjusted): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, annual cap ~\$172,411): home kitchen inspection required by Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services. Class B permit fee is \$278. Planning Department/Division Authorization required for Class B.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local health department may have requirements during inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Napa County requires Planning Department/Division Authorization as part of the Class B CFO permit application. Class B CFO permit application form (countyofnapa.org) explicitly requires Planning Department authorization. Class A likely requires local zoning clearance as well.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Class B CFOs require home kitchen inspection before permit issued. Class A: no inspection. Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services administers the Class B permit at \$278 fee.)

Home kitchen rules

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Yes — Class A (direct sales only, annual cap ~\$86,206 CPI-adjusted): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, annual cap ~\$172,411): home kitchen inspection required by Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services. Class B permit fee is \$278. Planning Department/Division Authorization required for Class B.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local health department may have requirements during inspection.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required; Napa County environmental health reviews during Class B inspection.

HANDWASHING

Required per food safety training standards; inspected for Class B.

FOOD STORAGE

Only approved state CFO food list items allowed. Non-potentially hazardous, no refrigeration required for finished products. Stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Class B CFOs require home kitchen inspection before permit issued. Class A: no inspection. Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services administers the Class B permit at \$278 fee.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Yes — Napa County requires Planning Department/Division Authorization as part of the Class B CFO permit application. Class B CFO permit application form (countyofnapa.org) explicitly requires Planning Department authorization. Class A likely requires local zoning clearance as well.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also permits retail stores and restaurants. All sales must remain within California; no interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted per California CFO rules.

Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; Napa County CFO Permit Application (Class B), administered by Planning, Building & Environmental Services, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, CA 94559.

RESEARCH NOTES

Napa County Class B CFO Permit Application (PDF) retrieved directly via Exa search from [napacounty.gov](https://www.napacounty.gov). The application confirms: \$278 permit fee, Planning Department/Division Authorization required, food categories checked on application match CA state approved foods list. Class B requires home kitchen inspection; Class A (direct sales only) does not. Napa County is one of the more administratively involved counties for Class B CFOs. County govt URL confirmed ([countyofnapa.org](https://www.countyofnapa.org)). High confidence for Class B requirements based on official Napa County document.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.countyofnapa.org>

<https://www.napacounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3819/Cottage-Food-Operation-Permit-Application-Class-B-PDF>

<https://www.countyofnapa.org>

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

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/california/napa-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Napa County	Yolo County	Solano County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited in state statute; local health department may have requirements during inspection.	No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute, though standard GMP practices apply.	Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Conditional	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: also permits retail stores and restaurants. All sale...	Class A: direct sales from home (with appointment), at community events, farmers markets, and online with in-state delivery/shipping. Class...	Class A: direct to consumer sales only (in-person, online, delivery within California). Class B: may also sell to retail stores and restaur...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only, annual cap ~\$86,206 CPI-adjusted): no home kitchen inspection required. Class B (direct and indirect sales, ann...	California two-tier system. Class A (direct sales only): requires registration with Yolo County Environmental Health, annual renewal, no ro...	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales, annual cap ~\$86,206 as of 2025) and Class B (...)
FOOD STORAGE	Only approved state CFO food list items allowed. Non-potentially hazardous, no refrigeration required for finished products. Stored in food...	Only state-approved non-TCS foods allowed. Standard GMP safe storage practices. Products must be non-potentially hazardous.	Non-TCS, shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.
POPULATION	137,384	217,141	450,995

State context — California cottage food law

Napa 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

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.

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

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? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Napa County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

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