

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Placer County

California · Auburn · FIPS 06061 · Population 406,608 ·
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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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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?

Conditional (California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales only) and Class B (direct and indirect sales) operations. Placer County Environmental Health Department (3091 County Center Drive #180, Auburn, CA 95603; 530-745-2300) administers CFO applications. All CFOs must secure a Business License and approval from local city or county Planning Department in addition to Environmental Health permit/registration. Private well users must complete Water Facility Testing Agreement with quarterly/annual testing. Production must occur in home kitchen; no infants or pets in kitchen during production; no smoking in CFO areas; maximum one full-time employee.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No infants or pets allowed in kitchen during food production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Placer County Environmental Health requires CFO registration (Class A) or permit (Class B). Additionally, all CFOs must obtain a Business License AND approval from local city or county Planning Department before operating. For unincorporated Placer County, county Planning Department approval needed. For incorporated cities (Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, etc.), city-specific planning approval needed. State law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Class A: no routine inspection. Class B: initial and ongoing inspections. Both subject to inspection upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No infants or pets allowed in kitchen during food production.
WATER SUPPLY	Private well users must have Water Facility Testing Agreement with Placer County and quarterly/annual testing.
HANDWASHING	Required per California Food Code.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only per state-approved CDPH list. Storage in kitchen or dedicated storage room.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Class A: direct-to-consumer sales only. Class B: retail and wholesale sales also permitted. All sales within California. Label must include 'Made in a Home Kitchen', Registration/ Permit number, city/town, and county (Placer).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Maximum one full-time employee.

Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758 (state CFO law); Placer County Environmental Health Food Protection Program (CFO permits).

RESEARCH NOTES

Placer County CFO permit application form confirmed from official document (though hosted on Air Quality district subdomain). Application clearly confirms Class A (registration) and Class B (permit) structure, business license requirement, planning department approval requirement, private well water testing, pet/infant exclusion, and one full-time employee limit. Label must include Registration/ Permit number and 'Issued by Placer County'. Business license and planning department approval explicitly required by application.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.placer.ca.gov>

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/3409/Cottage-Foods>

<https://www.placerair.org/DocumentCenter/View/9449/Permit-Application-for-Cottage-Food-Operation-PDF>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Placer County	Sacramento County	El Dorado County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No infants or pets allowed in kitchen during food production.	State baseline applies	No explicit state-level pet restriction in California cottage food statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct-to-consumer sales only. Class B: retail and wholesale sales also permitted. All sales within California. Label must include...	Direct/indirect sales within California only. Permit valid for one location; must apply for new permit if operator moves.	Class A: direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, online (in-state only). Class B: same plus retail stores and restaurants in Ca...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies by city	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales only) and Class B (direct and indirect sales) ...	Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. Operators must also ...	California two-tier cottage food system (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758). Class A: registration with El Dorado County Environmental Heal...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only per state-approved CDPH list. Storage in kitchen or dedicated storage room.	State baseline applies	State-approved non-TCS foods only. Standard GMP storage.
POPULATION	406,608	1,579,211	191,713

State context — California cottage food law

Placer 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/>

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