

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Shasta County

California · Redding · FIPS 06089 · Population 181,852 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

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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, ~\$86,206 annual cap (CPI-adjusted 2025). Class B: direct and indirect sales, ~\$172,411 annual cap, requires home kitchen inspection. Must register with local county environmental health department. Food safety training (ANSI-accredited, every 3 years) required. Only state-approved foods list permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets not allowed in food prep areas; assessed during Class B inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (California Gov. Code §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Shasta County Environmental Health handles Class A and Class B CFO registrations. Local zoning cannot restrict qualifying cottage food operations. Shasta County permit fees and specific registration process managed by Shasta County Environmental Health Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Class A: no initial inspection. Class B: inspection required before registration. Complaint-based inspections possible for both.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets not allowed in food prep areas; assessed during Class B inspection.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water supply; inspected during Class B registration.

HANDWASHING

Adequate handwashing facilities required; assessed during Class B inspection.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous foods stored in clean, sanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Class A: direct sales only within California (including online with in-state shipping). Class B: direct and indirect sales (retail stores, restaurants) within California. No interstate sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted.

Relevant county code

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758; Shasta County Environmental Health cottage food registration

RESEARCH NOTES

California has a two-tier system (Class A/Class B) with county-level permit processing. Sales caps are CPI-adjusted annually (~\$86,206 for Class A, ~\$172,411 for Class B as of 2025). Shasta County is a smaller rural county; Class B inspection may be less common than in larger counties. MEHKO program (home meal service) operates separately and cannot run simultaneously with CFO.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.shastacounty.gov>

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

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=113758

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Shasta County	Tehama County	Lassen County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	Pets not allowed in food prep areas; assessed during Class B inspection.	Pets should be excluded during food preparation per food safety training and good manufacturing practice	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	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 only within California (including online with in-state shipping). Class B: direct and indirect sales (retail stores, ...	Class A: direct sales only including online and shipping within California. Class B: direct and indirect including retail stores and restau...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Susanville may require city business license
RESTRICTIONS	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap (CPI-adjusted 2025). Class B: direct and indirect sales, ~\$172,411 annual cap, requires hom...	Class A (direct sales only): up to ~\$86,206/year; Class B (direct and indirect): up to ~\$172,411/year with home inspection required. Food s...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods stored in clean, sanitary conditions.	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; approved foods list required	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	181,852	65,484	31,873

State context — California cottage food law

Shasta 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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