

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sutter County

California · Yuba City · FIPS 06101 · Population 99,101 ·
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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

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, up to ~\$86,206/year as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales, up to ~\$172,411/year, requires home kitchen inspection). Only CDPH-approved foods list items may be sold. Food safety training required every 3 years. Local environmental health department (Sutter County) handles registration/permits and fees. Local zoning preempted by California GOV §51035.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state prohibition for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (California GOV §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. No local home occupation permit required for cottage food; Class A/B registration with Sutter County Environmental Health is the applicable local requirement.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Class A: no routine inspection. Class B: home kitchen inspection required before permit issuance; county environmental health may inspect periodically.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state prohibition for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement for Class A; Class B may involve county environmental health review.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of food safety training and general good manufacturing practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable approved foods; must prevent contamination and labeling must be accurate.

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 (home, farmers markets, events, online within California, in-state delivery). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. No interstate sales or out-of-state delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted under California cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Sutter County Environmental Health administers cottage food permits per Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Sutter County-specific cottage food overrides found. Rules follow California state baseline. Sutter County Environmental Health (Yuba City serves as county seat; note Yuba City is in Sutter County) administers Class A and Class B registrations. Fees vary by county; typical range \$50–\$200/year. MEHKO (Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation) program is a separate pathway available in opt-in counties — verify with Sutter County EH whether MEHKO is available. Sales cap CPI-adjusted annually.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

State context — California cottage food law

Sutter 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.

<p>STATUTE Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION No</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP Tiered (see notes)</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY No</p>
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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.legislature.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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