

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Tehama County

California · Red Bluff · FIPS 06103 · Population 65,484 ·
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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

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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 (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 safety training required every 3 years (ANSI-accredited). Local environmental health department handles permits and fees. State preempts local zoning restrictions (GOV §51035).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets should be excluded during food preparation per food safety training and good manufacturing practice

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Tehama County Environmental Health Department handles cottage food registration. Local zoning preempted statewide for CFOs (GOV §51035). Tehama County may have additional local business license requirements. Contact Tehama County Environmental Health at (530) 527-8220.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Class A: no inspection required. Class B: initial home kitchen inspection required. Both: complaint-based ongoing.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — 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 safety training required every 3 years (ANSI-accredited). Local environmental health department handles permits and fees. State preempts local zoning restrictions (GOV §51035).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets should be excluded during food preparation per food safety training and good manufacturing practice
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; Tehama County Environmental Health may require well water testing for private wells
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required; part of Class B kitchen inspection
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; approved foods list required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Class A: no inspection required. Class B: initial home kitchen inspection required. Both: complaint-based ongoing.
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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 including online and shipping within California. Class B: direct and indirect including retail stores and restaurants within California. Interstate sales prohibited.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only one non-family employee permitted

Relevant county code

Tehama County Environmental Health Department administers cottage food registration

RESEARCH NOTES

California two-tier CFO system (Class A/B) applies statewide. Tehama County is a rural north-central CA county. Local environmental health department administers permits. State preempts local zoning restrictions for CFOs. Only one non-family employee permitted. No Tehama County-specific overrides identified beyond standard CA framework. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.tehamacounty.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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Tehama County	Mendocino County	Shasta County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets should be excluded during food preparation per food safety training and good manufacturing practice	No specific state prohibition for cottage food; good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.	Pets not allowed in food prep areas; assessed during Class B inspection.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Yes	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only including online and shipping within California. Class B: direct and indirect including retail stores and restau...	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. N...	Class A: direct sales only within California (including online with in-state shipping). Class B: direct and indirect sales (retail stores, ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	No	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	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, ...	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap (CPI-adjusted 2025). Class B: direct and indirect sales, ~\$172,411 annual cap, requires hom...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; approved foods list required	Only CDPH-approved non-PHF shelf-stable foods; must prevent contamination.	Non-potentially hazardous foods stored in clean, sanitary conditions.
POPULATION	65,484	91,145	181,852

State context — California cottage food law

Tehama 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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Classifieds

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